



NIGC Postpones Effective Date of Class II MICS

Washington, DC September 10, 2010 — Today, the National Indian Gaming Commission (NIGC or Commission) announced the extension of the effective date of the final rule for Minimum Internal Control Standards (MICS) for bingo which were published in the Federal Register on October 10, 2008, and codified under 25 CFR part 543.

At the time of final publication in 2008, the initial deadline set for tribal gaming regulatory agencies and operations to implement the new MICS was October 10, 2009. This date would have also marked the removal of certain sections of part 542. In October 2009, the previous Commission extended the original effective date to October 13, 2010, in order to complete a multi-phase process of establishing separate MICS for Class II gaming.

As a result of consulting with tribes this summer and in response to tribal concerns, the Commission has determined an additional extension is appropriate. The new effective date is now October 13, 2011. Further, the newly appointed Commission has committed to a review of all NIGC regulations, including the 2008 published Class II MICS, for effectiveness and relevance.

“As a new Commission, one of our main priorities is strengthening our government-to-government relationship with tribes,” said NIGC Chairwoman Tracie Stevens. “It’s important to us that we work collaboratively with tribes to protect the integrity of the Indian gaming industry. The extension of the deadline is a direct result of our outreach and communication with tribes and it further underscores our efforts towards a thorough regulatory review.”

In addition to extending the effective date of Class II Bingo MICS, the NIGC is requesting that tribes provide comment on whether this rule should be amended in whole or in part. Original written comments should be mailed to:

“Comments on Class II MICS”

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Formal notice of the extension and request for comment were published in the Federal Register at 75 Fed. Reg. 55,269 on Friday, September 10, 2010. Click on the following link to view the Federal Register notice <http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2010/pdf/2010-22661.pdf>.

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