Notice of Proposed Appointment to the National Indian Gaming Commission (NIGC) Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

1. Why is this notice being published?

Nominees for the Commission must be published in the Federal Register under 25 U.S.C. §2704(b) to allow for a period of at least thirty days of public comment.

2. What is the Secretary of the Interior publishing this notice instead of the NIGC?

The Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (IGRA) requires the Secretary of Interior to publish the notice under 25 U.S.C. § 2704(b).

3. How are the Commissioners appointed?

The Chair is appointed by the President with the advice and consent of the Senate. The two associated members are appointed by the Secretary of the Interior.

4. Why is this notice being published now?

Mr. Little was first appointed on April 19, 2010 to a three year term and that term is now expiring.

5. How many Commissioners does the NIGC have?

The Commission is composed of three full time members that are appointed to serve for a term of three years.

6. What is a Commissioners role at the NIGC?

The Commissioners serve in an administrative and policy role for the NIGC as outlined in 25 U.S.C. § 2706.

7. What are the qualifications for becoming a Commissioner at the NIGC?

A nominee for Commissioner must not have any felony or gaming related convictions, or any financial interests that would create a conflict of interest under 25 U.S.C. § 2704(b)(5). Two of the members must be from an Indian Tribe and only two may be from the same political party under 25 U.S.C. § 2704(b)(3).