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Tracie Stevens, Chairwoman  
National Indian Gaming Commission  
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**Via Electronic Mail**  
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*Re: Comments of the Suquamish Tribe on the NIGC Preliminary Draft of Amendments to 25 CFR Part 514.*

Dear Chairwoman Stevens:

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The Suquamish Tribe ("Tribe") thanks you for the opportunity to comment on the preliminary draft amendments to 25 CFR 514. In February, 2011 the Tribe commented on this section, and suggested that each Tribe should retain the ability to calculate and pay fees based on its own fiscal year. We are pleased that the preliminary draft adopts this viewpoint. The Suquamish Tribe also supported the proposed change for fingerprint fees, and suggested that such fees be based upon the FBI's costs. These changes have been incorporated in the current NIGC draft. Finally, the Suquamish Tribe supported the shift away from the current system for addressing late payment of fees. The NOV approach is simply unwarranted as a first approach, and a simple monetary penalty would suffice to encourage and promote timely compliance. The Tribe suggests that the late fees start at an initial small percentage, and increase incrementally for every quarter a payment is late. The Tribe supports these amendments and encourages the NIGC to move ahead with the development of these changes, again soliciting tribal comment on both the computation of fingerprint fees, and the appropriate percentage assessment for late fees.

The Tribe has no further comments at this time. Once again, the Tribe thanks you for the opportunity to help the NIGC develop the best possible regulations and polices, and looks forward to commenting further as this process unfolds.

Sincerely,

  
Leonard Forsman  
Tribal Chairman