



STATE OF WASHINGTON
GAMBLING COMMISSION

"Protect the Public by Ensuring that Gambling is Legal and Honest"

October 9, 2006

Philip N. Hogen, Chairman
National Indian Gaming Commission
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Dear Mr. Hogen:

This correspondence is in response to your recent letter containing follow-up questions to my September 19, 2006 hearing testimony.

1. *If we were to include the State in the appeal process, how would we protect the confidential and proprietary information in the record?*

Response: I am not sure what you would consider "confidential and proprietary" information. As a state government agency, all our documents are subject to public disclosure with some limited exceptions. The specifications of game sets in our lab, for example, are not disclosed according to RCW 42.56.270 Financial, commercial, and proprietary information.

2. *What economic impact on the State, if any, do you expect if the proposed regulations are issued, or are not issued?*

Response: As a law enforcement agency and regulator of gambling activities, the Washington State Gambling Commission is not in a position to gauge economic impact to the state of Washington as a result of the proposed NIGC regulations.

It was a pleasure to meet you and many of the NIGC staff last month and thank you again for the opportunity to speak from our agency's perspective regarding the proposed regulations.

Sincerely,

Sharon M. Reese
Deputy Director

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