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NATIONAL INDIAN GAMING COMMISSION  
CLASS II CLASSIFICATION STANDARDS  
GOVERNMENT-TO-GOVERNMENT CONSULTATION MEETING  
WITH THE KICKAPOO NATION  
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22 Rachel Romo

23 William Norman, Attorney

24 Jesus Anico (Chacodata)

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1 COMMISSIONER CHONEY: Again,

2 welcome everyone to this consultation in  
3 regard to Class II regulations. The  
4 information, this meeting is being recorded.  
5 It's going to be a made a matter of public  
6 record. And at a later time if you wish to  
7 get a copy of the a transcript, just go up on  
8 our website and we will have it there and you  
9 can download it.

10 Also, since this is being  
11 recorded, if there is any matters you wish to  
12 bring up concerning your tribe and gaming  
13 matters that doesn't have anything to do with  
14 the Class II matter, let us know and we will  
15 have to go off the record. I'm sure you don't  
16 want other tribes, other persons to know your  
17 tribal business. So we have to turn the  
18 recorder off if you want to do that.

19 Also for the report, I would like  
20 to introduce Phil Hogen. He is the chairman  
21 of the National Indian Gaming Commission. My  
22 name is Chuck Choney. I am a commissioner  
23 with the NIGC.

24 I'd like to introduce Penny  
25 Coleman. She is our acting general counsel.

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1 Seated next to her is Michael Gross. He is  
2 the senior attorney with the Office of General

3 Counsel. At the end thee is Tim Harper. He  
4 is the regional director for this area.

5 Seated in the rear there is Marci Pate Ober,  
6 another senior investigator from this region.

7 I'd like to introduce Natalie  
8 Hemlock. She's a special assistant to the  
9 Commission. And Joe Valandra, he's our chief  
10 of staff. And John Hay, he's also a senior  
11 attorney with the Office of General Council.

12 And also for the record, if you  
13 could identify yourselves.

14 CHAIRMAN GARZA: Okay. My name is  
15 Juan Garza. I'm a chairman of the Kickapoo  
16 traditional tribe of Texas. And I would like  
17 to introduce my counsel members.

18 David Gonzalez, a council member.  
19 Rogelio Elizondo, treasurer. Where is Jesus?  
20 Jesus Anico, the secretary. And Juan Gonzalez  
21 is our general manager at the casino. And  
22 Rachel Romo, she's a chairperson for the  
23 Gaming Commission. And our tribal attorney,  
24 Gloria Hernandez. And sitting back here is  
25 our attorney --

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1 MR. NORMAN: William Norman.

2 CHAIRMAN GARZA: And tribal member  
3 Rolando Aniyo (ph.). Tribal member Rayburn  
4 Elizondo, and Raul Rodriguez, tribal member.

5 And our tribal administrator, Ray Bernal  
6 (ph.). And our internal auditor Cesar Dia  
7 (ph.).

8 COMMISSIONER CHONEY: Thank you.  
9 And, again, welcome for coming to this  
10 meeting. Chairman Hogen.

11 CHAIRMAN HOGEN: Welcome. This is  
12 an important government-to-government  
13 consultation session. On the 25th of May we  
14 published in the "Federal Register" some  
15 proposed regulations. One part of it would  
16 revise the definition that relates to some of  
17 the terminology we use in this area. The  
18 other part would set up a set of regulations  
19 that would be used to better distinguish those  
20 electronic and technologic aids the tribes can  
21 use to do Class II uncompact gaming from  
22 those slot machines and electronic facsimiles  
23 of games of chance that the Indian Gaming  
24 Regulatory Act says are Class III, and for  
25 which tribes would have to have compacts.

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1 We know how significant this is to  
2 your tribe. We know that you haven't been  
3 able to get the State of Texas to come to the  
4 table to negotiate a compact. We know that  
5 there has been a long, colorful history there.

6 We know of some of the difficulties you have  
7 had trying to get everything together and some  
8 of the criminal proceedings that are currently  
9 pending relating to some of the difficulties  
10 in the past. And so we don't take lightly  
11 where we draw this line, because we know right  
12 now something Class II is kind of a lifeline  
13 for your tribe and others.

14 In addition to these  
15 classification standards that we have  
16 proposed, we have put together some technical  
17 standards. They are longer, they are about  
18 120 pages long, that deal with the  
19 electronics, the hardware, the software, try  
20 to make sure that this equipment is safe,  
21 secure, won't be hacked into or people won't  
22 be able to commit fraud relating to that.

23 Those regulations, proposed  
24 regulations will be published in the "Federal  
25 Register" this Friday. The comment period for

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1 those will end on the 30th of September. We  
2 have also extended the comment period with  
3 respect to these classification standards to  
4 that same day.

5 On the 19th of September we are  
6 going to hold a public hearing in Washington.  
7 We are going to assemble several panels that

8 will discuss different approaches, different  
9 concerns. We will have tribal leadership. We  
10 will have some regulators. We will have some  
11 folks that will address economic impact  
12 issues. We will have some folks from states  
13 who will talk about the state government's  
14 point of view on these proposed regulations,  
15 and also have some of the manufacturers,  
16 designers of the these games come testify as  
17 to how these would or wouldn't work.

18 At the end of that comment period  
19 we will look at everything that was said to us  
20 and everything that was written to us and look  
21 at what we proposed, decide do we want to go  
22 ahead with these, and if we do, should we make  
23 some changes, what would they look like when  
24 we get done?

25 And, hopefully, if we go forward,

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1 by this fall we will be able to complete that  
2 process.

3 So, having said that, let me also  
4 mention that we are aware that not having been  
5 able to get a compact with the State of Texas,  
6 you are involved with the Department of the  
7 Interior in terms of secretarial procedures  
8 that might permit you to do Class III gaming

9 in the absence of that negotiated compact.

10 We are following that, but which  
11 aren't really party to that. The Department  
12 of the Interior doesn't work for us and we  
13 don't work for them, so to speak, so they  
14 haven't shared much of that with us. I don't  
15 think it was any good news that this occurs in  
16 a period of time when there has been some  
17 progress on these general matter of  
18 secretarial procedures.

19 The Northern Arapaho of Wind River  
20 Reservation in Wyoming recently got to the  
21 point of Class III gaming by virtue of that  
22 secretarial procedures avenue, not exactly the  
23 same posture that your tribe is in, but there  
24 are similarities.

25 And there are other tribes at the

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1 Department of Interior now, such as the  
2 Seminole of Florida, that are working on this  
3 process. So I think the timing is much better  
4 right now than it must have been over the past  
5 several years with respect to that aspect.

6 But having said all of that, we  
7 would very much like to hear your comments and  
8 concerns about our proposals.

9 CHAIRMAN GARZA: Yes. I have a  
10 written statement here, so I'm going to be

11 reading that.

12 CHAIRMAN HOGEN: Very good.

13 CHAIRMAN GARZA: First of all,  
14 good afternoon, Mr. Chairman. And it's good  
15 to see you again and good seeing everybody  
16 again. There were other people that were  
17 there in our first meeting in Tulsa. But it's  
18 good seeing everybody.

19 We are here to comment on the NIGC  
20 proposed Class II Regulations concerning Class  
21 II definitions and Class III classification  
22 standards. We believe these proposed  
23 regulations, if they become final, will have  
24 devastating effects on the KTT. And we  
25 respectfully request that you rethink your

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1 approach.

2 First the changing definition of  
3 the term electronic or electronic mechanical  
4 facsimile --I can't pronounce this -- would  
5 restrict the types of games a Class II  
6 facility will offer. According to the NIGC,  
7 this change is required to make clear that all  
8 games including bingo, lotto, and other games  
9 similar to bingo, when played in an electronic  
10 medium or facsimile, when they incorporate all  
11 of the fundamental characteristics of the

12 game.

13 We believe this will unnecessarily  
14 and dramatically restrict the types of games  
15 our Class II gaming facility will be able to  
16 offer. But IGRA never intended to prohibit  
17 the use of electronics to play bingo. Rather,  
18 congress when enacted IGRA specifically said  
19 they did it for tribes to be able to use  
20 modern methods of conducting Class II games.

21 Electronics do not make bingo into  
22 facsimile unless they fundamentally alter the  
23 game and allow a player to play along with or  
24 against the machine. The proposed regulations  
25 go far beyond the severe line laid by

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1 congress.

2 Further, the proposed  
3 classification standard regulations would  
4 restrict the types of Class II games we could  
5 offer, restricting them to traditional bingo  
6 and only allowing minor variations for games  
7 similar to bingo. We would also be restricted  
8 on what types of technological aids we could  
9 use. The games will be slower and less  
10 attractive to our customers.

11 The NIGC knows that the KTT is in  
12 a unique situation. It participated in our  
13 secretarial procedures application and formal

14 conference in December 2004. While our Class  
15 II Lucky Casino has provided our tribe with  
16 governmental revenues and jobs, the tribal  
17 representatives here live each day knowing we  
18 can be doing more.

19 The KTT is subject to IGRA. We  
20 have a right to offer Class III gaming.  
21 Unfortunately for us, unlike most states  
22 across the country, the State of Texas refused  
23 to negotiate a tribal state gaming compact for  
24 Class III gaming, even though the state  
25 permits a broad variety of games within its

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1 borders. In an effort to stop us from  
2 exercising our rights to offer Class III  
3 gaming, the state has gone so far as to sue  
4 the United States, alleged that the  
5 secretarial procedures regulations are  
6 illegal.

7 The tribe intervened in that case  
8 to assist in defending the regulations and  
9 defending our efforts to exercise our rights.

10 The KTT is one tribe in the U.S.  
11 who is stuck with Class II gaming because of  
12 an uncooperative state. This is unfair, yet  
13 we continue to strive toward exercising our  
14 rights under the law.

15                   The progress toward Class III  
16                   under secretarial procedures, however, has  
17                   been slow. We are still waiting our scope of  
18                   game decision from the Department. There  
19                   seems to be no hurry by the Department to  
20                   advance us toward Class III.

21                   With this, your proposed  
22                   regulations put us in a very difficult  
23                   situation. While we strive for and look to a  
24                   day when we will offer Class III gaming, we  
25                   must endure the limitation of Class II gaming

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1                   now. If your proposed regulations become  
2                   final, we will be forced to endure overly  
3                   burdensome limitations and fear that we will  
4                   be put out of business. Presently, we compete  
5                   with de-liners (ph.) and other gaming in  
6                   Texas.

7                   We work hard not to (sic.) attract  
8                   customers to our remote location. We do not,  
9                   however, believe out-of-area customers will  
10                  make the effort to travel to us to play  
11                  traditional bingo, which regulations restrict  
12                  us to.

13                  Our governmental revenues will  
14                  dramatically decrease. Further, we may be  
15                  forced to let some of our casino personnel go.  
16                  Currently, we are one of the top three largest

17 employers in Maverick County, one of the  
18 poorest counties in Texas. But changing our  
19 gaming facility resulting from your proposed  
20 regulation will not only have an effect on the  
21 tribe but on the larger community as well.

22 The main impact will be our  
23 inability to meet the needs of our members  
24 through Class II gaming. The tribe has been  
25 able to provide government services in the

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1 areas of housing, health care and education,  
2 an unmet need among our people. However  
3 remains extreme significant reduction in  
4 revenue from gaming which would happen if the  
5 regulations become final. It would have  
6 devastating effects on the tribe. IGRA's goal  
7 of promoting self-sufficiency would be lost.  
8 Our children and elders would suffer.

9 We ask you to rethink your  
10 approach. At the very least we ask the NIGC  
11 to include a provision grandfathering in games  
12 already in operation by a tribe that it is in  
13 the procedures process. To do so would  
14 unfairly penalize tribes for the failure of  
15 the states and the federal governments to  
16 follow along.

17 Last, we ask you, as part of the

18 federal government, to do what you can to see  
19 that our secretarial procedure application  
20 process is as quickly as possible. Thank you  
21 for your time.

22 CHAIRMAN HOGEN: Thank you very  
23 much for that comprehensive statement. Let me  
24 just respond to a couple of comments. I have  
25 been to your facility and I have also been in

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1 your neighborhood and seen some state games  
2 that seem to go beyond what the state  
3 really -- what the state law says. But  
4 nevertheless, that's competition that, at the  
5 very least, they ought to compact with you and  
6 let you play what they are letting other  
7 people play.

8 But in order to make this whole  
9 thing work we have got to have integrity in  
10 our program. We have a right to expect the  
11 State of Texas to follow its own law, enforce  
12 its own law, and do what the law says. But I  
13 think if we're going to insist on that we,  
14 likewise, need to comply with the laws that  
15 apply to Indian gaming. Indian gaming said  
16 there would be a recognizable difference  
17 between bingo Class II games and Class III  
18 slot machines and facsimiles. So that's the  
19 challenge. Where do we draw that line?

20                   You know, the court cases that  
21                   deal with Class II, many of them focus on this  
22                   Mega Mania game. Mega Mania was kind of a  
23                   clunky bingo terminal that you could play  
24                   bingo on. You could look at four cards, I  
25                   think. And you couldn't start playing until

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1                   twelve players were available to join play.  
2                   And once you started playing, it would take  
3                   about a minute to play.

4                   And the Justice Department came  
5                   along and said, "Wait a minute. The Johnson  
6                   Act says you can't have gambling devices in  
7                   Indian country, unless, of course, you have  
8                   got one of those Class III compacts. You  
9                   don't have the compact to play this, so that's  
10                  a violation of law."

11                  So the tribe said, "No, this isn't  
12                  a gambling device. It's just an aid that IGRA  
13                  said we could use. The Court looked at it and  
14                  said, "That's right. The tribes are right  
15                  that you can't play that game unless the  
16                  players are involved. The players are  
17                  playing. They have got to participate in that  
18                  play. That's just what it is, an aid."

19                  Of course, technology has moved  
20                  ahead leaps and bounds since those days. Now

21 we have got some machines tribes are playing  
22 that they call Class II that you push the  
23 button once and the game plays itself. And  
24 it's my view that that crosses the line. That  
25 becomes an electronic facsimile. Even if you

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1 are playing bingo, even if other people are  
2 playing, you have taken the player  
3 participation out of it.

4 So we want this to be a fast, fun  
5 game that can be played as Class II and it  
6 would be profitable. But we think you have to  
7 slow it down, not for the sake of slowing it  
8 down, but to permit some intervals so the  
9 players can participate. In traditional  
10 bingo, if you're not paying attention to  
11 what's going on you can sleep your bingo and  
12 you can lose. Well, if you just push the  
13 button once there is no opportunity for that.  
14 But competition among the players is kind of  
15 gone, because the machine will do it right  
16 every time.

17 So we're trying to hold the line  
18 here, pretty close to the line. But I think  
19 it's not a facsimile if you have that player  
20 element in it. If we lose that, then I'm  
21 afraid that we can't really defend where we  
22 are. So we will take consideration very

23 carefully what you have said. And we  
24 understand how important this is. If you can  
25 leave us a copy of your written statement,

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1 that would be helpful.

2 So we hear you. We are concerned  
3 about it. What you say this afternoon has  
4 been said by, you know, a number of other  
5 tribes. There's a lot of concern there.  
6 We're going to try to do the right thing. So,  
7 we thank you for that.

8 Are there other comments or  
9 questions you have?

10 CHAIRMAN GARZA: Comments? I have  
11 a comment to make. I think it's not realized  
12 as to where the situation is for where our  
13 tribe is, especially. It's been one of  
14 those -- we've only been recognized for not  
15 even 20 years, maybe over 20 years. Our  
16 position and where everybody else is in the  
17 position as tribes are concerned, we're right  
18 down there. I mean, as far as having gone  
19 through formal education, there's -- I mean,  
20 this group here that you have in front of you  
21 right now, maybe Rachel -- GED is what you  
22 got.

23 MS. ROMO: GED and associates.

24                                   CHAIRMAN GARZA: That's our top  
25                                   end of it. As far as our other elders or

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1                                   people older than us, they have none. They  
2                                   don't speak English very well or Spanish. The  
3                                   type of devices that we're talking about here,  
4                                   that, in my opinion, would really reduce the  
5                                   need of employees in our gaming facility,  
6                                   because we're not going to be able to, in my  
7                                   opinion, pay for the overhead as far as the  
8                                   day-to-day operations are concerned. Where  
9                                   are we going to put our people? The only real  
10                                  market out there, as tough as it is right now,  
11                                  because of the lack of working skills, we're  
12                                  just barely -- our children are starting to go  
13                                  to school. We have a few graduates on a  
14                                  yearly basis now that might be able to handle  
15                                  the outside job markets.

16                                  But the divisions, in my  
17                                  opinion, to our tribe is going to be more than  
18                                  any other tribes are concerned, because we  
19                                  don't have any other developments or economic  
20                                  developments that we can really back into as  
21                                  far as remedies are concerned.

22                                  You know, it's a very big concern  
23                                  to myself and the rest of the tribal members  
24                                  here. We just went through some expansion  
25                                  thinking that we are going to go through a few

1 years of being able to use these devices. And  
2 if we would have known this was going to come  
3 up, this was going to be final, I don't think  
4 the tribe would have considered doing that,  
5 because it's -- like you said in your  
6 statement, it is the tribe's lifeline.

7 But what happens after we get  
8 these devices, which I'm sure have not been  
9 developed yet? I mean, there's no easy answer  
10 to this, I know. But I think there should be  
11 some kind of study made as to what kind of  
12 impact this would do to tribes before even  
13 considering making those changes. I mean, I'm  
14 sure there's something like that.

15 I just feel that I need to express  
16 that out there so you all would know the type  
17 of impact that it's going to do to our tribe  
18 especially.

19 That's all I have to say.

20 CHAIRMAN HOGEN: Well, you  
21 expressed it very well. I was at the National  
22 Gaming Commission when Kickapoo Tribe first  
23 came into the National Indian Gaming  
24 Commission. We heard the tenacity with which  
25 you really fought for your existence and the

1 difficulties you experienced. We don't take  
2 lightly the steps that you took in trying to  
3 do what's best for all and try to be concerned  
4 for those who have the greatest needs as well  
5 as those who are situated otherwise. So we  
6 thank you for that and we aren't going to  
7 forget about that as we try to do the right  
8 thing.

9 MS. HERNANDEZ: If I may,  
10 Mr. Chairman.

11 CHAIRMAN GARZA: Yes.

12 MS. HERNANDEZ: Mr. Chairman, are  
13 you going to be looking at the impact of the  
14 tribes? The economic impact, is that going to  
15 be a consideration as you review the new  
16 rules?

17 CHAIRMAN HOGEN: Yes, it certainly  
18 will. We are going to look at that in a  
19 couple of ways. As I understand there are  
20 tribes that say to us, "We're playing  
21 one-touch Class II games and it's making us a  
22 lot of money and we are funding a lot of  
23 programs. And not only is it working for us,  
24 but the surrounding community benefits and the  
25 dollars turn over. You know, there's a huge

1 impact here. If we slow these games down,

2       it's going to have a domino effect." We  
3       understand that and we will get some better  
4       numbers.

5                       But we also understand that if a  
6       tribe conducts Class III gaming without a  
7       compact it risks closure of their facility.  
8       It risks the imposition of fines. Some tribes  
9       have been fined millions of dollars for  
10      playing these uncompact machines, or risk  
11      the Justice Department coming along and  
12      prosecuting those tribes criminally for  
13      violating the Johnson Act. We want to avoid  
14      that. We take absolutely no joy in closing  
15      facilities or imposing fines.

16                      And I think the gaming community  
17      is not well served when we have a requirement  
18      that is not well defined. I think -- you  
19      know, I wish we could turn the clock back and  
20      written the definition on the first day rather  
21      than down the line, but experience is what we  
22      learn.

23                      So we are going to consider the  
24      impact. But it's not solely how much money  
25      would the current machines make versus what

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1       would the others. You know, it needs to take  
2       into consideration what would compliant

3 machines make.

4 MS. HERNANDEZ: And following up  
5 on that, usually in marketing a device or  
6 marketing a play, there is a lot of people out  
7 there who spend their whole life trying to  
8 make things attractive to their customers.  
9 Would NIGC be able to look at it from that  
10 perspective, not only fully compliance, which  
11 I understand needs to be done, but also make  
12 this attractive to the customers? If the  
13 customers aren't coming to their facility --  
14 the Kickapoos have been a nation that has been  
15 recognized since 1989. They are new. They  
16 are, as far as being able to conduct  
17 government-to-government relations since 1989.

18 So there hasn't been enough time  
19 for them to, number one, diversify. Secondly,  
20 they are out in the middle of nowhere, as you  
21 have seen. You have traveled there to Eagle  
22 Pass.

23 So it's a small tribe, but, yet,  
24 we want to impress upon you with all due  
25 respect the need for this tribe who has, which

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1 is a viable tribe, to continue to be viable  
2 and continue to attract customers so they can  
3 continue their economic growth.

4 CHAIRMAN HOGEN: We will think

5           carefully about those concerns.

6                           MS. HERNANDEZ: Thank you,  
7           Mr. Chairman.

8                           CHAIRMAN GARZA: He wants to  
9           speak, but he doesn't speak English. So he's  
10          going to need a translator.

11                          MS. ROMO: Elijondro will  
12          translate.

13                          (Committee Member Gonzalez addressed  
14          the Commission in Kickapoo, which was  
15          translated as follows:)

16                          AUDIENCE MEMBER: He just like to  
17          elaborate that the tribe itself barely started  
18          operations. We had conflict with that before  
19          with the administration. It seems now with  
20          these terminologies what you are going to  
21          redefine is going to conflict with our  
22          business, with the revenue. We would like you  
23          to consider that, because that's the only real  
24          lifeline we do you have. He's really  
25          concerned.

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1                          CHAIRMAN HOGEN: Would you tell  
2          the councilman we thank him for his thoughts  
3          and we will keep that in mind.

4                          (Mr. Elizondo addressed the  
5          Commission in Kickapoo, which was

6 translated as follows:)

7 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Fear here. He  
8 wants to elaborate that at his age group, his  
9 generation, growing up they weren't really  
10 educated. They were migrant workers. They  
11 had traditional teachings. And now that his  
12 generation and generations like Mr. General  
13 Manager, they don't really have a formal  
14 education.

15 And he's very worried, because my  
16 generation, myself and Skolando Trevino are  
17 one of the few that graduated. Have you  
18 considered these terminologies will affect as  
19 us well? Because the gaming -- the games we  
20 have right now, the machines will have to be  
21 removed if you go on with these terminologies.  
22 And we will have lost jobs. With the age  
23 group of Juan Gonzalez here, they won't have  
24 much opportunity on the outside world. We are  
25 employing people internally and they don't

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1 have higher education. He just wanted to  
2 elaborate on that.

3 CHAIRMAN HOGEN: All right. Thank  
4 you for that statement.

5 CHAIRMAN GARZA: I also would like  
6 to point out another thing. I know as we do  
7 that we just started this operation. I mean,

8           it was started a long time ago. But the  
9           people that were manning it mismanaged it. So  
10          when we took over, we didn't have any money.  
11          We didn't have anything. We only inherited  
12          debts. And now we're managing all the things  
13          the best way that we know how, and we're doing  
14          fine. We're paying our debts and we are  
15          saving a little bit of money. And hopefully  
16          we will be able to pay off all the debts that  
17          we have currently.

18                         But if this regulation comes in  
19          effect, we will lose a lot of revenues. I  
20          don't know if we are going to be able to meet  
21          our debts. Because we recently just renovated  
22          our casino, so we owe more money now. So I  
23          hope that the Commission considers that, too,  
24          for us. That's another point I wanted to  
25          make.

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1                         CHAIRMAN HOGEN: Well, thank you.  
2          We know the challenges that you face. And we  
3          face challenges to try and do all of this  
4          right. So, before we put our final blessing  
5          on any proposal, we will ask ourselves what's  
6          this going to do to tribes like Kickapoo of  
7          Texas. And can we make this work. The way  
8          the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act intended to

9 work was to bring economic development, bring  
10 self-sufficiency to Indian country. Hopefully  
11 we will get to the right place.

12 I think we have about come up to  
13 the time limit here. We want to thank you  
14 again for traveling up here to meet with us  
15 and sharing with us the very serious situation  
16 you face.

17 (Proceedings concluded.)

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5 COUNTY OF OKLAHOMA )

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16                   IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my  
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