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Honorable Edward L. Metcalf
Tribal Chairman
Coquille Tribe of Indians
295 S. 10th
P.O. Box 1435
Coos Bay, Oregon 97420

Dear Chairman Metcalf:

On January 6, 1998, we received Amendment III to the Tribal-State Compact for regulation of class III gaming between the Coquille Tribe of Indians (Tribe) and the State of Oregon (State), dated December 30, 1997. We have completed our review of this Amendment and conclude that it does not violate the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act of 1988 (IGRA), Federal law, or our trust responsibility. Therefore, pursuant to Section 11 (d)(8)(A) of IGRA, 25 U.S.C. § 2710(d)(8)(A) and delegated authority in 209 DM 8.1, we approve the Amendment. The Amendment shall take effect when the notice of our approval, pursuant to Section 11 (d)(3)(B) of IGRA, 25 U.S.C. § 2710(d)(3)(B), is published in the FEDERAL REGISTER.

We wish the Tribe and the State success in their economic venture.

Sincerely,

/s/ Kevin Gover

Assistant Secretary - Indian Affairs

Enclosure

Identical Letter Sent to: Honorable John Kitzhaber
Governor of Oregon
254 State Capitol
Salem, Oregon 97310

cc: Portland Area Director w/copy of approved Amendment
Supt., Siletz Agency w/copy of approved Amendment
[redacted]
Pacific NW Regional Field Solicitor w/copy of approved Amendment
Portland United States Attorney w/copy of approved Amendment

TRIBAL-STATE COMPACT FOR REGULATION OF CLASS III GAMING BETWEEN THE COQUILLE TRIBE OF INDIANS AND THE STATE OF OREGON

AMENDMENT III

This amendment is made to the Class III Gaming Compact between the Coquille Tribe of Indians of Oregon and the State of Oregon executed on December 8, 1994, and approved by the Secretary of the Interior on February 16, 1995. The terms of this amendment are in addition to and, except as specifically provided herein, do not supersede any of the provisions of the original compact, or Amendments I and II thereto.

WHEREAS, the Tribe wishes to extend the terms of Amendments I and II to the Compact which provide for regulation of house banked blackjack at the gaming facility, and

WHEREAS, the State agrees that the circumstances justify this Amendment,

NOW THEREFORE, the Tribe and the State hereby approve the following amendments to the Compact:

I. Section I of Amendment II is amended as follows:

The provisions of Section V of ~~this~~ Amendment I expire on ~~June 30, 1997. However, if the compliance review described in Section 4.H.8 of the Compact (added by this Amendment) is completed before October 1, 1996, Section V of this amendment shall expire on December 31, 1997.~~ March 31, 1998. Unless an extension of the provisions of ~~Section V of~~ this amendment or a permanent amendment governing the operation of house banked blackjack has been negotiated and executed before the expiration of this amendment, the Tribe agrees to terminate blackjack games at the gaming facility until a new agreement has been negotiated and executed.

II. This amendment is effective as an extension under Section I of Amendment II of the Compact, upon execution by the State and the Tribe, and submission to the Secretary of the Interior. It is the intent of both the State and the Tribe that this Amendment be fully enforceable as between the parties to it from and after the date it is executed and submitted to the Secretary of the Interior.

EXECUTED as of the date and year below.

STATE OF OREGON

John Kitzhaber, Governor

Date: 12/30/97

COQUILLE TRIBE OF INDIANS OF OREGON

Edward L. Metcalf, Tribal Chairman

Date: 12/22/97

APPROVED BY THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY - INDIAN AFFAIRS

By:

Date: FEB 19 1998