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Honorable Joe Moses
Chairman
Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs
Reservation of Oregon
1233 Veterans Street
Warm Springs, Oregon 97761

Dear Chairman Moses:

On March 30, 1998, we received Amendment IV to the Tribal-State Gaming Compact for Regulation of Class III Gaming between the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation of Oregon (Tribe) and the State of Oregon (State), dated March 23, 1998. 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
Salem, Oregon 97310

cc: Portland Area Director w/copy of approved Amendment
Supt., Warm Springs Agency w/copy of approved Amendment
National Indian Gaming Commission w/copy of approved Amendment
Pacific NW Regional Field Solicitor w/copy of approved Amendment
Portland United States Attorney w/copy of approved Amendment

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Indian Affairs

Indian Gaming

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of amendment to approved Tribal-State Compact.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Section 11 of the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act of 1988, Pub. L. 100–497, 25 U.S.C. 2710, the Secretary of the Interior shall publish, in the **Federal Register**, notice of approved Tribal-State Compacts for the purpose of engaging in Class III (casino) gambling on Indian reservations. The Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior, through his delegated authority, has approved Amendment IV to the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation of Oregon and the State of Oregon Gaming Compact, which was executed on March 23, 1998.

DATES: This action is effective May 19, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: George T. Skibine, Director, Indian Gaming Management Staff, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Washington, D.C. 20240, (202) 219–4068.

Dated: May 12, 1998.

Kevin Gover,

Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.

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TRIBAL-STATE GOVERNMENT-TO-GOVERNMENT COMPACT FOR REGULATION OF CLASS III GAMING BETWEEN THE CONFEDERATED TRIBES OF THE WARM SPRINGS RESERVATION OF OREGON AND THE STATE OF OREGON

AMENDMENT IV

This amendment is made to the Class III Gaming Compact between the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation of Oregon and the State of Oregon executed on January 6, 1995, and approved by the Secretary of the Interior on March 6, 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, II and III thereto.

WHEREAS, the Tribes wish to extend the terms of Amendment I, II and III 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 Tribes and the State hereby approve the following amendments to the Compact:

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

> Paragraph IV of Amendment I expires on ~~April 30, 1998~~ March 31, 1999. Unless an extension 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 Tribes agree to terminate blackjack games at the gaming facility until a new agreement has been negotiated and executed. In the event that a compact amendment is under negotiation, the Tribes may replace blackjack tables with video lottery terminals at the ratio of eight terminals per blackjack table.

II. This amendment is effective as an extension under paragraph IX of Amendment II and paragraph VI of Amendment I of the Compact, upon execution by the State and the Tribes, 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~~, both as to the Tribe's ability to offer house banked blackjack and the State's and the Tribe's responsibility to implement the regulatory amendments contained herein~~.

EXECUTED as of the date and year below.

STATE OF OREGON

John Kitzhaber, Governor

Date: 12 March 1998

CONFEDERATED TRIBES OF THE WARM SPRINGS RESERVATION OF OREGON

Joe Moses, Chairman
Warm Springs Tribal Council

Date: 3-23-98

APPROVED BY THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY – INDIAN AFFAIRS

By: Kevin Gover
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Date: MAY 12 1998