



BULLETIN

No. 2016-01

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Subject: 2016 Preliminary Fee Rate and Fingerprint Fees

The National Indian Gaming Commission (Commission) has adopted its 2016 preliminary annual fee rates of 0.00% for tier 1 and 0.062% (.00062) for tier 2. While the rate for tier 1 remains the same, tier 2 decreases from 0.065% to 0.062%. The tier 2 preliminary annual fee rate represents the lowest fee rate adopted by the Commission in the last five years. These rates shall apply to all assessable gross revenues from each gaming operation under the jurisdiction of the Commission. If a tribe has a certificate of self-regulation under 25 CFR part 518, the 2016 preliminary fee rate on Class II revenues shall be 0.031% (.00031), which is one-half of the annual fee rate.

The preliminary rates being adopted here are effective March 1, 2016 and will remain in effect until new rates are adopted.

The NIGC has implemented an electronic payment system through Pay.gov in 2014. The system can be used for the quarterly payment of annual fees and submission of associated worksheets. Tribes interested in using the new Pay.gov electronic payment system should visit www.pay.gov and select the NIGC using the tab *Find an Agency*. Additionally, tribes can visit the Commission's website at www.nigc.gov for details on how to sign into the system, what information is required to be submitted and how to handle changes or corrections to submissions. Use of this system is optional and paper worksheets and fee payments by check will still be accepted. Please remit quarterly fee payments to:

Division of Finance
National Indian Gaming Commission
C/O Department of the Interior
1849 C Street NW
Mail Stop #1621
Washington, DC 20240

Pursuant to 25 CFR 514.4, please be sure to use the appropriate fiscal year as the base period for

determining 2016 fee payments. Also, please provide the following identifying information: name, address, and telephone number of the gaming operation; name of licensing tribe; and the name, telephone number, and email address of contact person.

The National Indian Gaming Commission has also adopted its fingerprint processing fees of \$21 per card effective March 1, 2016. Pursuant to 25 CFR part 514, the Commission annually reviews the cost of processing fingerprint cards and sets a fee based on the amount charged by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and costs incurred by the Commission. Commission costs include Commission personnel, supplies, equipment costs, and postage to submit the results to the requesting tribe.

Enclosed is a copy of the Federal Register Notice announcing the adoption of these rates.

Should you have any questions, please contact Yvonne Lee, National Indian Gaming Commission, C/O Department of the Interior, 1849 C Street NW, Mail Stop #1621, Washington, DC 20240; telephone (202) 632-7003; fax (202) 632-7066; email fee_questions@nigc.gov.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Indian Gaming Commission

2016 Preliminary Fee Rate and Fingerprint Fees

AGENCY: National Indian Gaming Commission, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given, pursuant to 25 CFR 514.2, that the National Indian Gaming Commission has adopted its 2016 preliminary annual fee rates of 0.00% for tier 1 and 0.062% (.00062) for tier 2. While the rate for tier 1 remains the same, tier 2 decreases from 0.065% to 0.062%. The tier 2 preliminary annual fee rate represents the lowest fee rate adopted by the Commission in the last five years. These rates shall apply to all assessable gross revenues from each gaming operation under the jurisdiction of the Commission. If a tribe has a certificate of self-regulation under 25 CFR part 518, the 2016 preliminary fee rate on Class II revenues shall be 0.031% (.00031) which is one-half of the annual fee rate. The preliminary fee rates being adopted here are effective March 1, 2016 and will remain in effect until new rates are adopted.

Pursuant to 25 CFR 514.16, the National Indian Gaming Commission has also adopted its fingerprint processing fees of \$21 per card effective March 1, 2016.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Yvonne Lee, National Indian Gaming Commission, C/O Department of the Interior, 1849 C Street NW., Mail Stop #1621, Washington, DC 20240; telephone (202) 632-7003; fax (202)

632-7066.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (IGRA) established the National Indian Gaming Commission, which is charged with regulating gaming on Indian lands.

Commission regulations (25 CFR 514) provide for a system of fee assessment and payment that is self-administered by gaming operations. Pursuant to those regulations, the Commission is required to adopt and communicate assessment rates and the gaming operations are required to apply those rates to their revenues, compute the fees to be paid, report the revenues, and remit the fees to the Commission. All gaming operations within the jurisdiction of the Commission are required to self-administer the provisions of these regulations, and report and pay any fees that are due to the Commission.

Pursuant to 25 CFR 514, the Commission must also review annually the costs involved in processing fingerprint cards and set a fee based on fees charged by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and costs incurred by the Commission. Commission costs include Commission personnel, supplies, equipment costs, and postage to submit the results to the requesting tribe. Based on that review, the Commission hereby sets the 2016 fingerprint processing fee at \$21 per card effective March 1, 2016.

Dated: February 23, 2016.
Jonodev O. Chaudhuri,
Chairman.

Dated: February 23, 2016.
E. Sequoyah Simermeyer,
Associate Commissioner.
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