

May 24, 2012

Clifford Cultee, Chairman Lummi Tribe of the Lummi Reservation 2616 Kwina Road Bellingham, Washington 98226 Fax (360) 380-1850

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Dear Chairman Cultee and Mr. Canfora:

The National Indian Gaming Commission (the "NIGC") received for review and approval the Seventh Amendment, dated March 22, 2012 (the "Modification"), to the Second Amended and Restated Management Agreement (the "Management Agreement") between the Lummi Tribe of the Lummi Reservation and Merit Washington, LLC. I am happy to inform you that I approved the Modification. The Management Agreement will now expire on May 29, 2013.

The Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (IGRA) and the regulations of the NIGC require that the NIGC Chairwoman approve amendments to management contracts for gaming operations on Indian lands. Accordingly, you submitted the Modification as an amendment for approval as required by 25 U.S.C. § 2711 and 25 C.F.R. Part 535. We have reviewed the Modification and other information submitted and determined that the standards of 25 C.F.R. Parts 531 and 535 have been met. This letter and my signature on the Modification constitute such approval.

Should you have any questions concerning this approval, please call us at (202) 632-7003.

Sincerely,

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Tracie Stevens Chairwoman

 cc. Mary Hillaire, Chair, Lummi Tribal Gaming Commission Fax: (360) 312-0538
David Zerby, Attorney for the Tribe (via e-mail: DavidZ@lummi-nsn.gov) The Seventh Amendment to the Second Amended and Restated Management Agreement dated March 22, 2012, between the Lummi Tribe of the Lummi Reservation and Merit Washington, LLC is approved by the National Indian Gaming commission.

By: _____ Date: 5/24/12____