



THE TULALIP TRIBES

The Tulalip Tribes are the successors in interest to the Snohomish, Snoqualmie, and Skykomish tribes and other tribes and band signatory to the Treaty of Point Elliott

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Tracie Stevens, Chairwoman
National Indian Gaming Commission
144L Street, NW, Suite 9100
Washington, D.C., 20005

Re: Comments from the Tulalip Tribes on NIGC's proposed reinterpretation on the Electronic One Touch Bingo System

Dear Chairwoman Stevens,

The Tulalip Tribes would like to thank you for the opportunity to comment on the NIGC's proposed reinterpretation of the NIGC's 2008 Metlakatla Decision regarding the Electronic One Touch Bingo System ("one-touch bingo"). The Tulalip Tribes supports the NIGC's proposal to classify one-touch bingo as a Class II game.

Consistent with the NIGC's proposed reinterpretation, the Tulalip Tribes interprets one-touch bingo as a technological aid to the play of bingo as contemplated by Congress upon passage of the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act ("IGRA"). The NIGC's proposal to classify one-touch bingo as a Class II game is consistent with the definition of "Class II Gaming" in IGRA and federal case law, and reinterpretation of one-touch bingo as a Class II game will alleviate uncertainty between Indian Tribes and States.

The Tulalip Tribes supports the NIGC's proposed reinterpretation and we encourage the NIGC to move forward and classify one-touch bingo as a Class II game.

We thank you again for the work you have done.

Sincerely,

Mel R. Sheldon Jr.
Chairman

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