



Notice of NIGC Consultation on Notice of Proposed Rulemaking

September 28, 2017

Dear Tribal Leader:

On behalf of the National Indian Gaming Commission (NIGC or Commission), we invite you to attend a Class II Technical Standards telephonic consultation. This consultation is being conducted to further discuss the Commission's proposed amendments to current regulation 25 C.F.R. part 547 Minimum Technical Standards for Class II Gaming Systems and Equipment that that published in the Federal Register today. A copy of the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) is available for public comment for 45 days and can be found at:

<https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2017/09/28/2017-20635/technical-standards>.

On October 8, 2008, the Commission published a final rule adding a new part to the NIGC's regulations, establishing the Class II technical standards (Technical Standards). The regulations allowed for current systems to remain in play for a period of 5 years, or until November 10, 2013, providing the industry time to modify systems to become fully compliant with the technical standards.

By 2012 however, it was clear that the industry would be unable to bring all Class II gaming systems into full compliance with the technical standards. Through consultation with its tribal partners, the NIGC extended the sunset period an additional five years to November 10, 2018. With the sunset provision date approaching, the Commission included part 547 technical standards as a topic during the 2017 consultation period. The consultations and meetings, combined with the written comments, proved to be valuable in the development of a discussion

draft. Comments were then considered on the discussion draft and the Commission is now proposing the current NPRM to part 547 technical standards.

The NIGC is committed to honoring the sovereignty of tribes and the government-to-government relationships we have established. We hope all tribal leaders are available to participate in the consultation on **October 30th, 2017** from **1:00 pm to 4:00 pm EST**. Please use the following dial-in information to participate:

Telephone Conference: 888-942-9715

Pass code: 5056982

For planning purposes, and to ensure we have adequate lines available for all who wish to attend, please RSVP to Rita Homa, Executive Administrator, at (202) 418-9807 or by e-mail at consultation.rsvp@nigc.gov, by October 25th, 2017.

Written comments are also welcome, please submit written comments on or before November 13, 2017, by e-mail to Vannice_doulou@nigc.gov or by U.S. mail to: NIGC, Attn: Vannice Doulou, 1849 C St. NW, Mail Stop #1621, Washington, DC 20240.

Thank you for your interest and participation.

Sincerely,



Jonodev O. Chaudhuri
Chairman



Kathryn Isom-Clause
Vice Chair



E. Sequoyah Simermeyer
Associate Commissioner