



February 27, 2013

Notice of Consultation on Regulatory Review and Consultation Policy

Dear Tribal Leader:

On behalf of the National Indian Gaming Commission (NIGC or Commission), we invite you to participate in a consultation meeting on two notices of proposed rule and our Draft Consultation Policy. Specifically, we seek input on amendments to the following regulations:

- (a) *Part 543* – Minimum Internal Control Standards for Class II Gaming; and
- (b) *Part 547*– Minimum Technical Standards for Gaming Equipment Used with the play of Class II Games.

Through these two notices of proposed rule, the Commission seeks to remedy inconsistencies between Parts 543 and 547 and to add additional surveillance measures to the kiosks section of Part 543. Additionally, we would like to discuss changes to the NIGC's Draft Consultation Policy, which we have updated for clarity and to streamline the consultation process. We know that the best results can be achieved after meaningful consultation with Indian tribes and we look forward to your participation.

The NIGC recognizes and respects the sovereignty of Indian tribes and the government-to-government relationship that exists between the United States and tribal governments. Accordingly, the NIGC is committed to implementing the President's November 5, 2009 Executive Memorandum on Tribal Consultation with Indian tribes and Executive Order 13175 prior to and during any rulemaking process.

As such, we invite all tribal leaders to share their views with the Commission these regulations and the Draft Consultation Policy at a consultation scheduled for March 27, 2013 in Phoenix, Arizona, from 1 to 3 p.m., at the following location:

Phoenix Convention Center
Room West 211AB
100 North Third St.
Phoenix, AZ 85004

For those tribal leaders unable to attend this consultation, we invite you to submit written comments by e-mail to reg.review@nigc.gov, or by U.S. mail to National Indian Gaming Commission, Attn: Regulatory Review, 1441 L Street, NW, Suite 9100, Washington, DC 20005.

The Commission intends to post comments received and transcripts of each consultation on the NIGC website under the heading "Tribal Consultation," on the left-hand side of the NIGC home page, www.nigc.gov.

For planning purposes, and to accommodate all who want to attend the consultation, please RSVP to Rita Homa, Executive Administrator, at (202) 418-9807 or by e-mail at consultation.rsvp@nigc.gov. Information regarding the time and location of each tribal consultation will be posted on our website.

We are committed to working together on a government-to-government basis to maximize the results of this process. We look forward to meeting with you should your schedule allow.

Thank you for your interest and participation.

Sincerely,



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Chairwoman



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Associate Commissioner