



Picayune Rancheria  
of the

## CHUKCHANSI INDIANS

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National Indian Gaming Commission

1441 L. Street, NW, Suite 9100

Washington, D.C. 20005

Attn: Tracie Stevens, Chairwoman

Re: NIGC Notice of Inquiry Comments

Dear Chairwoman Stevens:

The following comments are submitted on behalf of the Picayune Rancheria of the Chukchansi Indians (Tribe) in response to the recent National Indian Gaming Commission (NIGC) Notice of Inquiry as published in the Federal Register on November 18, 2010 (NOI):

- 1) *The Tribe requests the NIGC to preserve the current Class III Minimum Internal Control Standard (MICS) regulations.*

Because the Tribe has an NIGC approved Tribal Gaming Ordinance that provides for NIGC Class III MICS oversight, preservation of the NIGC class III MICS regulations is vital to maintaining the current effective level of Class III MICS oversight activities.

- 2) *The Tribe requests the NIGC to continue to develop its tribal consultation and communication process and protocol.*

Although most NIGC activities involving the Tribe are handled directly through the Picayune Rancheria Tribal Gaming Commission (PRTGC) as the primary regulatory authority within the Tribe's jurisdiction, the Tribe believes it is best to include both the Tribal Chairperson and PRTGC Chairperson in all NIGC notices, correspondence and any other communications in order to ensure the best communication of NIGC activities with the Tribe.

The Tribe enjoys an excellent government-to-government relationship with the NIGC and values the regulatory assistance your agency provides to the Tribe on both national and regional levels. To that end, the Tribe respectfully requests you consider the above comments accordingly prior to issuing any final rule or decision on the matters addressed in the recent NOI. If you have any questions, please contact our regulatory attorneys, Rosette & Associates, PC, at (916) 353-1084.

Sincerely,

Nancy Ayala, Vice Chairwoman

cc: Picayune Rancheria Tribal Gaming Commission