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Subject: 2013 Final Fee Rate and Fingerprint Fees

The National Indian Gaming Commission (NIGC or Commission) has adopted its 2013 final annual fee rates of 0.00% for tier 1 and 0.072% (.00072) for tier 2. These rates shall apply to all assessable gross revenues from each gaming operation under the jurisdiction of the Commission.

The new fee rate reflects the NIGC's commitment to responsible stewardship of fees received from tribes that participate in Indian gaming, despite the challenges imposed by sequestration and other budgetary restrictions. Although the NIGC is funded solely through fees collected from tribal gaming revenue and does not receive an annual appropriation, approximately five percent of the NIGC's annual budget was sequestered in fiscal year (FY 2013) due to the Budget Control Act of 2011. The NIGC has responded to the challenges presented by sequestration by cutting costs where possible and operating more efficiently. The Commission is currently examining additional cost-saving measures; as a result, the Commission has been able to pass some of its cost savings to tribes by lowering fees.

The final rate being adopted here is effective June 1st, 2013 and will remain in effect until a new fee rate is adopted.

If a tribe has a certificate of self-regulation under 25 CFR part 518, the 2013 final fee rate on Class II revenues shall be one-half of the annual fee rate, which is 0.036% (.00036).

Please remit the quarterly fee payment to:

Finance Department National Indian Gaming Commission 1441 L Street NW, Suite 9100 Washington, DC 20005

Please be sure to use the appropriate fiscal year as the base period for determining 2013 fee payments, pursuant to 25 CFR 514.4 and 25 CFR 514.6 ("each gaming operation . . . shall file with the Commission quarterly statements showing its assessable gross gaming revenues for the **previous fiscal year**."). Also, please provide the following identifying information: name,

address and telephone number of the gaming operation; name of licensing tribe; name, telephone number, and email address of contact person.

The National Indian Gaming Commission has also adopted its new fingerprint processing fees of \$22 per card effective June 1st, 2013. Pursuant to 25 CFR part 514, the Commission shall review annually the costs involved in processing fingerprint cards based on fees charged by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and costs incurred by the Commission. Commission costs include Commission personnel, supplies, equipment costs, and postage to submit the results to the requesting tribe.

Enclosed is a copy of the Federal Register Notice announcing the adoption of these rates.

Should you have any questions, please contact Yvonne Lee, National Indian Gaming Commission, 1441 L Street, NW, Suite 9100, Washington, DC 20005; telephone (202) 632-7003; fax (202) 632-7066.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given, pursuant to 25 CFR 514.2, that the National Indian Gaming Commission has adopted its 2013 final annual fee rates of 0.00% for tier 1 and 0.072% (.00072) for tier 2. These rates shall apply to all assessable gross revenues from each gaming operation under the jurisdiction of the Commission. If a tribe has a certificate of self-regulation under 25 CFR part 518, the 2013 final fee rate on Class II revenues shall be one-half of the annual fee rate, which is 0.036% (.00036).

Pursuant to $25\ \text{CFR}\ 514.16$, the National Indian Gaming Commission has also adopted its new fingerprint processing fees of \$22 per card effective June 1st, 2013.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Yvonne Lee, National Indian Gaming Commission, 1441 L Street NW., Suite 9100, Washington, DC 20005; telephone (202) 632-7003; fax (202) 632-7066.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (IGRA) established the National Indian Gaming Commission which is charged with, among other things, regulating gaming on Indian lands.

The regulations of the Commission (25 CFR part 514), as amended, provide for a system of fee assessment and payment that is self-administered by gaming operations. Pursuant to those regulations, the

Commission is required to adopt and communicate assessment rates; the gaming operations are required to apply those rates to their revenues, compute the fees to be paid, report the revenues, and remit the fees to the Commission. The final rate being adopted here is effective June 1st, 2013 and will remain in effect until a new fee rate is adopted. Therefore, all gaming operations within the jurisdiction of the Commission are required to self administer the provisions of these regulations, and report and pay any fees that are due to the Commission.

Pursuant to 25 CFR part 514, the Commission shall also review annually the costs involved in processing fingerprint cards based on fees charged by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and costs incurred by the Commission. Commission costs include Commission personnel, supplies, equipment costs, and postage to submit the results to the requesting tribe. The new fingerprint processing fees being adopted here is effective June 1st, 2013.

Dated: May 30, 2013. Tracie Stevens, Chairwoman.

Dated: May 30, 2013.
Daniel Little,
Associate Commissioner.
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