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Subject: NIGC Fingerprint Fee Rate

Pursuant to 25 C.F.R. § 514.16, the National Indian Gaming Commission has adopted its annual fingerprint processing fee for the coming year. In order to comply with Federal Bureau of Investigation requirements, this year's fingerprint processing fee will increase to \$45 per card. The increase this year is a result of updating the NIGC's fingerprint system and network (equipment cost) and additional measures necessary to ensure compliance with Federal Bureau of Investigation requirements.

The annual fingerprint processing fee is effective November 13, 2020 and will remain in effect until the Commission adopts a new rate.

The increase from the current \$22 per card is necessary to invest in upfront implementation cost to modernize the NIGC fingerprint system, to fund increased compliance efforts to meet FBI Criminal Justice Information Services (CJIS) requirements, and to remediate findings from a FBI CJIS audit. Taking these necessary measures are not only required but critical to ensure the NIGC and participating tribes can continue to utilize the FBI's criminal history report information (CHRI) to determine a key employee or primary management official's eligibility for a gaming license. After the completion of necessary system upgrades in FY21, the NIGC anticipates the fingerprint processing fee will decrease in FY22. Pursuant to 25 C.F.R. Part 514, the Commission regularly reviews the cost of processing fingerprint cards and sets a fee based on the amount charged by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and costs incurred by the Commission. Commission costs include Commission personnel, supplies, equipment, and postage to submit the results to the requesting tribe.

The announcement of the fingerprint processing fee will be published in the Federal Register and the notice will be posted to the NIGC website as soon as it is available. Please note the FY21 fee rate will be announced separately in a forthcoming bulletin.

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