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Subject: NIGC Fee Rate and Fingerprint Fees

This Bulletin explains the National Indian Gaming Commission's annual fee rates and fingerprint fee. This year the annual fee rate remains the same as last year, maintaining the lowest rate of the last nine years. This year's fingerprint fee will increase for the first time since 2016 in order to comply with Federal Bureau of Investigation requirements. The annual fee rates and fingerprint fee being adopted here are effective November 1, 2019, and will remain in effect until the Commission adopts new rates and fee.

The National Indian Gaming Commission (Commission) has adopted its annual fee rates of 0.00% for tier 1 and 0.062% (.00062) for tier 2, which remain the same as current fee rates. 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 fee rate on Class II revenues shall be 0.031% (.00031), which is one-half of the annual fee rate.

On January 22, 2018, the Commission published changes to the fees regulations 25 C.F.R. Part 514 in the Federal Register (83 FR 2903) which simplify the fee rate analysis and publication process by providing that the Commission will adopt a fee rate no later than November 1st of each year.

The NIGC has implemented an electronic payment system through Pay.gov in 2014. The system can be used for the quarterly payment of annual fees and submission of associated worksheets. Tribes interested in using the new Pay.gov electronic payment system should visit www.pay.gov and select the NIGC using the tab *Find an Agency*. Additionally, tribes can visit the Commission's website at www.nigc.gov for details on how to sign into the system, what information is required to be submitted and how to handle changes or corrections to submissions. Use of this system is optional and paper worksheets and fee payments by check will still be accepted. Please provide the following identifying information: name, address, and telephone number of the gaming operation; name of licensing tribe; and the name, telephone number, and email address of contact person, and remit quarterly fee payments to:

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Pursuant to 25 C.F.R. 514.4, please be sure to use the appropriate fiscal year as the base period for determining fee payments. Please note the new regulations define the fiscal year used in calculating the annual fee so that one fee rate is applied consistently to a gaming operation's assessable gross revenues for one fiscal year.

The National Indian Gaming Commission has also adopted its fingerprint processing fee of \$22 per card effective November 1, 2019. The new fee represents a \$4 increase from the current fingerprint processing fee of \$18 per card which has been in effect since October 1, 2016. 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 costs, and postage to submit the results to the requesting tribe. The increase for this year's fingerprint fee is a result of bolstering information security systems and additional measures necessary to ensure compliance with Federal Bureau of Investigation requirements.

The announcement of the fee rate and fingerprint fee will be published in the Federal Register and posted to the NIGC website as soon as it is available.

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