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2015 Indian gaming operations fee rate

WASHINGTON, March 5, 2015 – The National Indian Gaming Commission (NIGC), an independent federal regulatory agency, on Tuesday published in the *Federal Register*, the preliminary annual fee rate for Indian gaming operations.

"We are pleased that through strong management, reduced operating costs associated with our building move and footprint, and a solid working relationship with tribal regulators, we have, for the second consecutive year, been able to reduce the fee rate," said Acting Chairman Jonodev Chaudhuri. "Two of our primary objectives have, and will continue to be, efficiency and effectiveness, which ultimately result in savings and good stewardship of the tribal fees that make up the Agency's funding."

Effective March 1, 2015, the annual fee rate for Indian gaming operations will be:

- 0.00 percent for tier 1 operations
- 0.065 percent for tier 2 operations
- 0.0325 percent of Class II revenues for self-regulating tribes under 25 CFR part 518

The tier 2 fee rate decreased one-half cent from the 2014 rate. The NIGC is funded through fees collected from gaming operations under its jurisdiction. The agency bases fees on a percentage of assessable gross gaming revenues.

The NIGC also adopted its fingerprint processing fees of \$21 per card effective March 1, 2015. The Commission annually reviews the cost of processing fingerprint cards and set a fee based on the amount charged by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and costs incurred by the Commission for processing.

The <u>National Indian Gaming Commission</u> is committed to the prompt and efficient regulation of the Indian gaming industry spanning more than 450 gaming establishments, associated with nearly 242 tribes across 28 states. The Commission's dedication to compliance with the <u>Indian</u> <u>Gaming Regulatory Act</u> ensures the integrity of the \$28 billion Indian gaming industry. To learn more, visit <u>www.nigc.gov</u> and follow us on <u>Facebook</u> and <u>Twitter</u>.

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The National Indian Gaming Commission is an independent regulatory agency established within the Department of the Interior pursuant to the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act of 1988.