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National Indian Gaming Commission Maintains Lowest Fee Rate Since 2010

WASHINGTON, June 5, 2017 – The National Indian Gaming Commission (NIGC or Commission) announced on June 1 it will maintain current fee rates, sustaining the lowest rates since 2010.

The Commission determined it will maintain the following fee rates: (i) 0.000% for tier 1; (ii) 0.062% for tier 2; and (iii) 0.031% of Class II revenues for tribes with certificates of self-regulation issued under 25 C.F.R. part 518. The Commission will also uphold the preliminary fingerprint processing fee rate at \$18 per card. Fees were lowered by \$3 per card in March 2017 based on the amount charged by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and a small NIGC administrative cost per card.

“With the continued strength and stability shown in the Indian gaming industry along with sound fiscal policy, the Commission is able to maintain the current fee rates Tribes pay. Our ongoing commitment to efficient and effective agency operations along with our solid working relationships with our regulatory partners preserves the benefits attained by the Indian gaming community,” said Chairman Jonodev O. Chaudhuri.

Pursuant to the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (IGRA) and NIGC regulations, the Commission sets fee rates for Indian gaming operations to fund regulatory activities. The fee rates apply to all assessable gross revenues from Indian gaming operations under IGRA’s jurisdiction. The final fee rates are effective June 1, 2017, and will remain in effect until new rates are adopted. See the [Fee Rate Bulletin](#) for more information.

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The Indian Gaming Regulatory Act established the [National Indian Gaming Commission](#) to support tribal self-sufficiency and the integrity of Indian gaming. The NIGC has developed four initiatives to support its mission including: (1) protecting against anything that amounts to gamesmanship on the backs of tribes; (2) staying ahead of the technology curve; (3) rural outreach; and (4) maintaining a strong workforce for both the NIGC and its tribal regulatory partners. The NIGC oversees the efficient regulation of 497 gaming establishments operated by 244 tribes across 29 states. The Commission’s dedication to compliance with the [Indian Gaming Regulatory Act](#) ensures the integrity of the \$29.9 billion (and growing) Indian gaming industry. To learn more, visit www.nigc.gov and follow us on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).