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NIGC Announces the Approval of Guidance on the Class III Minimum Internal Control Standards

WASHINGTON, DC August 14, 2018 – Today the National Indian Gaming Commission (NIGC) announced the approval of non-binding guidance on Class III Minimum Internal Control Standards (MICS).

The NIGC’s Class III MICS were promulgated in 1999 and last substantively revised in 2005. In 2006, the D.C. Circuit Court of Appeals held in the case *Colorado River Indian Tribes v. Nat’l Indian Gaming Comm’n* that NIGC lacked authority to enforce or promulgate Class III MICS. Since that time, the Class III MICS have remained untouched. Nonetheless, we recognize that numerous tribes look to our Class III MICS for guidance and, in many cases, reference the MICS in their compacts and ordinances. We also recognize that technology has advanced rapidly; making some standards obsolete and introducing new areas of risk not contemplated by the outdated standards. This non-binding guidance will provide updated standards that address today’s gaming industry. And, because the updated MICS will be guidance instead of regulations, it will allow the NIGC to quickly adapt the MICS to changing technology and provide up-to-date training and technical assistance.

“The Commission is proud to provide this guidance as a service to tribal nations and Indian gaming stakeholders. Issuance of this guidance is in keeping with our on-going commitment to support tribal nations – as the primary regulators of Indian gaming – in their continuing efforts to safeguard the integrity of Indian gaming for the purpose of generating critical governmental revenue that supports countless jobs, programs, and services to tribal citizens and surrounding communities,” said NIGC Chairman Jonodev O. Chaudhuri.

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The Indian Gaming Regulatory Act created 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) To protect against anything that amounts to gamesmanship on the backs of tribes; (2) To stay ahead of the Technology Curve; (3) Rural outreach; and (4) To maintain a strong workforce within NIGC and with its tribal regulatory partners. NIGC oversees the efficient regulation of 506 gaming establishments operated by 246 tribes across 29 states. The Commission’s dedication to compliance with the [Indian Gaming Regulatory Act](#) ensures the integrity of the growing \$32.4 billion Indian gaming industry. To learn more, visit www.nigc.gov and follow us on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).