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NIGC Announces Changes to Consultation Schedule

Washington, DC, August 2, 2011 — The National Indian Gaming Commission (NIGC/Commission) announced today that it is canceling one consultation in August, two consultations in September and one consultation in November. The Commission decided to revise its schedule based on feedback from Tribes during the consultation process. "We believe that government-to-government consultation is extremely important. We have held 11 consultations on regulatory review since April. During the course of these consultations, we heard from Tribes that our current review could be enhanced by utilizing alternative approaches and we are making appropriate adjustments which include changes to the existing schedule." Chairwoman Stevens explained. "As we move forward with proposed rulemaking, we believe this change will benefit both the agency and tribes."

The following consultations have been cancelled:

August 25-26, 2011 Wild Horse Resort Casino, Scottsdale, AZ

September 19-20, 2011, Sky Ute Casino Resort, Ignacio, CO

September 29-30, 2011, Turning Stone Casino, NY

November 7-12, 2011, Mississippi Choctaw, MS

Other consultations scheduled for August, September and November will proceed as set forth in the Notice of Regulatory Review Schedule. For planning purposes and to accommodate all Tribes that plan to attend those consultations, please RSVP to Rita Homa, Executive Secretary, at (202) 418-9807 or by e-mail at consultation.rsyp@nigc.gov. Additional information on consultation locations, times and descriptions of the regulatory groups to be discussed at each consultation, please refer to the website of the National Indian Gaming Commission, <http://www.nigc.gov>.

For those Tribal leaders or designees unable to attend consultation meetings, we invite you to submit written comments by e-mail to reg.review@nigc.gov, or by US Mail to the National Indian Gaming Commission, Attn: Regulatory Review, 1441 L Street, NW, Suite 9100, Washington, DC 20005.

For additional information or questions regarding the TAC nomination process, please contact Lael Echo-Hawk at (202) 632-7003 or Lael_Echo-Hawk@nigc.gov.

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