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NIGC Will Hold Regulatory Review Consultation in Albuquerque, New Mexico

Washington, DC June 24, 2011 — The National Indian Gaming Commission (NIGC/Commission) will hold a consultation on July 20 - 21, 2011 at the Route 66 Casino Hotel in Albuquerque, New Mexico. This consultation session is an opportunity for Tribal leaders to provide the Commission with substantive input during the regulatory review process.

The Commission organized its review into five regulation groups. Each will proceed separately through three phases: 1) an initial phase when a preliminary draft regulation may be prepared; 2) thereafter the Commission may decide to move forward with publication of a proposed rule, if any, with an approximately sixty-day comment period; and 3) a final phase during which the Commission may decide to promulgate a final rule. Where necessary, a regulation may proceed through the regulatory review process independently from the other regulations in a particular group.

Consistent with its commitment to transparency, the Commission will continue to consult with tribal governments throughout the regulatory review process. All information related to this review process can be found on our website at www.nigc.gov then click on the Tribal Consultation on the left side of the website.

The consultation scheduled for July 20 - 21, 2011 in Albuquerque, New Mexico will cover Groups One, Two, Three, Four and Five regulations.

Group One includes:

- A Buy Indian Act regulation;
- Part 523 – Review and Approval of Existing Ordinances or Regulations;
- Part 514 – Fees;
- Part 559 – Facility License Notifications, Renewals, and Submissions; and
- Part 542 – Minimum Internal Control Standards for Class III Gaming.

Group Two includes:

- Part 573 – Enforcement; and regulations concerning proceedings before the Commission, including:
 - Parts 519 – Service;
 - Part 524 – Appeals;
 - Part 539 – Appeals; and
 - Part 577 – Appeals Before the Commission.

Group Three includes:

- Part 543 – Minimum Internal Controls Standards for Class II Gaming; and

- Part 547 – Minimum Technical Standards for Gaming Equipment Used with the Play of Class II Games.

Group Four includes:

- Part 556 – Background Investigations for Primary Management Officials and Key Employees (including “Pilot Program”);
- Part 558 – Gaming Licenses for Key Employees and Primary Management Officials;
- Part 571 – Monitoring and Investigations;
- Part 531 – Collateral Agreements;
- Part 537 – Background Investigations for Persons or Entities with a Financial Interest in, or Having Management Responsibility for a Management Contract; and
- Part 502 – Definitions.

Group Five includes:

- Part 518 – Self Regulation of Class II Gaming;
- A Sole Proprietary Interest regulation; and
- Part 542 – Minimum Internal Control Standards for Class III Gaming.

The Commission invites all Tribal leaders and their designees to share their views with the Commission on Groups One, Two, Three, Four and Five regulations during the following scheduled consultation:

Date: Wednesday, July 20 and Thursday, July 21
Time: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm
Location: Route 66 Casino Hotel
14314 Central Ave. SW
Albuquerque, NM
Laguna Ballroom

For planning purposes and to accommodate all who want to attend the consultation, please RSVP to Rita Homa, Executive Secretary, at (202) 418-9807 or by e-mail at consultation.rsvp@nigc.gov. On-site registration will be available from 8:30 – 9:00 am.

For those Tribal leaders or designees unable to attend this consultation, 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.

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