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NIGC Holds Regulatory Review Consultation in Palm Springs

Washington, DC April 18, 2011 — The National Indian Gaming Commission (NIGC/Commission) will hold a consultation on May 2, 2011 at the Agua Caliente Spa Resort Casino in Palm Springs, California. These consultations are an opportunity for Tribal leaders to provide 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 May 2, 2011 in Palm Springs, California will cover Group One 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.

The Commission invites all Tribal leaders and their designees to share their views with the Commission on the Group One regulations during the following scheduled consultation:

Date: Monday, May 2, 2011
Time: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm
Location: Agua Caliente Spa Resort Casino
100 North Indian Canyon Drive, Palm Springs
Canyon Conference Room

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.

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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