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National Indian Gaming Commission to Resume Public Commission Meetings

Washington, D.C., March 11, 2011 –Today, Chairwoman Tracie Stevens announced that she, Vice-Chairwoman Steffani Cochran and Associate Commissioner Dan Little will resume public Commission meetings as part of the National Indian Gaming Commission’s (NIGC/Commission) ongoing commitment to transparency and open government. These forums will be open to the public and provide an opportunity for tribal leaders and the Indian gaming industry to learn about Commission initiatives and activities.

“In the spirit of President Obama’s Memorandum on Transparency and Open Government, the Commission is reinstating the open, public meetings format utilized years ago by previous Commissions to provide the public with clear and direct information on Commission activities” said Chairwoman Stevens. “The Commission firmly believes in being accountable and transparent.”

The open meeting is scheduled for the day after the National Indian Gaming Association’s Annual Convention and Trade Show in Phoenix, Arizona. Anticipated topics of discussion during the meeting include agency operations, training and technical assistance, and the Notice of Inquiry (NOI) Regulatory Review Agenda. Senior NIGC staff will also attend this meeting. Agenda items are subject to change or may be taken out of order. This meeting will be transcribed and posted on the NIGC website under “Public Meetings.” A draft agenda may be found by visiting the NIGC website at www.nigc.gov.

Location: Wyndham Hotel, North Ballroom
50 East Adams, Phoenix, Arizona
Date: Thursday, April 7, 2011
Time: 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

It should be noted that this meeting is separate from the NIGC tribal leaders Consultation being held the same day from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

For planning purposes, please RSVP to Rita Homa, Executive Secretary, at (202) 418-9807 or by e-mail at rita_homa@nigc.gov.

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