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Re: Amendments to the Seminole Nation Gaming Ordinance

Dear Ms. McBee:

By letters dated October 13, 2003, and November 26, 2003, you submitted amendments to the Seminole Nation of Oklahoma Gaming Ordinance (Gaming Ordinance), codified as Title 15 of the Seminole Nation Code, for review and approval by the National Indian Gaming Commission (NIGC) Chairman. The Seminole Nation General Council adopted the amendments on September 6, 2003, with Ordinance 2003-7, and on November 8, 2003, with Ordinance 2003-20.

The Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (IGRA) and NIGC regulations require that tribes conducting gaming submit their gaming ordinance and amendments to the ordinance for review and approval by the NIGC Chairman. The Seminole Nation submitted the Gaming Ordinance, Law No. 94-2, on February 24, 1994. The NIGC Chairman approved the ordinance in a letter to the Seminole Nation dated May 31, 1994.

The first of the two amendments, Ordinance 2003-7, amends Section 106 of the Gaming Ordinance, making the position of gaming monitor full time. The second amendment, Ordinance 2003-20, amends Section 501 by restoring a provision of the original Gaming Ordinance that had been changed by Ordinance 2001-12. New section 501 provides that net gaming revenues will be used for specific allowable purposes and conforms the Gaming Ordinance to relevant IGRA requirements. Ordinance 2003-20 contains some minor punctuation errors that could be corrected by a further technical amendment.

This letter constitutes approval of the two amendments to the Nation's Gaming Ordinance indicated above.

Sincerely y

Philip N. Hogen Chairman

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# TO 2003-07

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AN ORDINANCE OF THE SEMINOLE NATION OF OKLAHOMA AMENDING TITLE 15, CHAPTER ONE, SECTION 106, DEFINING GAMING MONITOR OF THE SEMINOLE NATION CODE OF LAWS

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL COUNCIL OF THE SEMINOLE NATION OF OKLAHOMA:

Section 100. Findings:

Title 15, Chapter One, Section 106 currently defines the Gaming Monitor as a permanent pert-time employee of the Seminole Nation.

Section 200. Purpose.

To-amend Title:15, Chapter One, Section 106 by striking the word "part" and inserting the word "full" after permanent for the position of monitor.

Section 300, Authorization/Amendment:

The General Council of the Seminole Nation of Oklahoma hereby authorizes the following amendment to Title 15, Chapter One, Section 106 of the Code of Laws to read as follows:

#### CHAPTER ONE

#### SEMINOLE NATION GAMING COMMISSION

#### Section 106. Gaming Monitor.

The SNG Commission shall hire a Gaming Monitor, pursuant to Seminole Nation hiring policies, who shall be a permanent full-time employee of the Seminole Nation.

**ENACTED** by the Seminole Nation of Oklahoma General Council on this 6<sup>th</sup> day of September 2003.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the Principal Chief of the Seminole Nation of Oklahoma carrying out the duties of the Chairman of the General Council has hereto attached his signature.

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Kenneth E. Chambers, Principal Chief Seminole Nation of Oklahoma Page 2 TO 2003-07

#### CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned, certify that the foregoing is a true extract from the minutes of the Seminole Nation of Oklahoma General Council comprised of twenty-eight recognized members with twenty-seven members attending this meeting on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of September 2003, and that the above is in conformity with the provisions therein adapted by a vote of <u>27</u> in favor, <u>0</u> against, <u>0</u> abstentions, and that said Resolution has not been rescinded in any way and the above is the signature of the Principal Chief of the Seminole Nation carrying out his duties as the Chairman of the General Council.

April Harjo, Recording Secretary General Council, Seminole Nation of Oklahoma



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## TO 2003-20

## AN ORDINANCE OF THE SEMINOLE NATION OF OKLAHOMA AMENDING TITLE 15, CHAPTER FIVE, SECTION 501 OF THE SEMINOLE NATION CODE OF LAWS TO BE COMPLIANT WITH IGRA

Be it Enacted by the Seminole Nation in Council Assembled:

- WHEREAS, on October 8, 2003, the National Indian Gaming Commission approved the amendments to the Seminole Nation Public Gaming Act, Title 15 submitted on July 10, 2003, with one exception; and
- WHEREAS, the NIGC did not approve the amendment of Section 501, enacted in 2001 by Tribal Ordinance 2001-09 for non-compliance with IGRA; and

WHEREAS, the NIGC requires compliance with IGRA concerning Section 501.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT ENACTED THAT**, the Seminole Nation General Council hereby rescinds Tribal Ordinance 2001-112, Section 501 for non-compliance with IGRA and Section 501 shall revert back to the language previously approved by the NIGC to read:

## CHAPTER FIVE REVENUES AND AUDITS

Section 501. Seventy percent (70%) of the Nation's share of net profit (i.e.; gross gaming revenue minus prize payments and vendor payments, which is called net win, minus all General Council approved SNDA budget expenses including but not limited to salaries, wages, utilities, depreciation expenses, purchases of new equipment, insurance, debt payments & miscellaneous expenses. Also the General Council approved Gaming Commissioners budget expenses) from the Nation's gaming operations shall be distributed to the Gaming Revenue Account. To fund through an approved General Council resolution tribal government or programs, to provide for the general welfare of the Nation and its members, to promote tribal economic development, to donate to charitable organizations, to help fund operation of local government agencies of the Seminole Nation. The remaining thirty percent (30%) share of the said net profits shall be retained for operations and development by the Seminole Nation Development Authority, its corporations, partnerships, joint ventures or other arrangements or undertakings which is the source of the profits or dividends.

**ENACTED** by the Seminole Nation of Oklahoma General Council on this 8<sup>th</sup> day of November 2003.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Principal Chief of the Seminole Nation of Oklahoma carrying out the duties of the Chairman of the General Council has hereto attached his signature.

KerIneth E. Chambers, Principal Chief Seminole Nation of Oklahoma

## CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned, certify that the foregoing is a true extract from the minutes of the Seminole Nation of Oklahoma General Council comprised of twenty-eight recognized members with twenty-seven members attending this meeting on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of November 2003, and that the above is in conformity with the provisions therein adopted by a vote of <u>18</u> in favor, <u>4</u> against, <u>3</u> abstentions (two representatives were out of seat at time of vote), and that said Resolution has not been rescinded in any way and the above is the signature of the Principal Chief of the Seminole Nation carrying out his duties as the Chairman of the General Council.



April Harjo, Recording Secretary General Council, Seminole Nation of Oklahoma