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Re: Amendments to the Seminole Nation Gaming Ordinance

Dear Ms. McBee:

By letters dated December 31, 2003, and January 29, 2004, 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 December 16, 2003, with Ordinance 2003-24, and on January 17, 2004 with Ordinances 2004-01 and 2004-4. Your letter of December 31, 2003, also provides a copy of Ordinance 2003-19, adopted by General Council on September 27, 2003, which amends Title 8 Chapter Two of the Seminole Nation Code of Laws.

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.

Ordinance 2003-24 amends Section 102 of the Gaming Ordinance, authorizing three full time gaming commissioners. The second amendment, adopted with Ordinance 2004-01, amends section 201 by restoring a provision of the original Gaming Ordinance that had been left out when changed by Ordinance 2003-22. (Ordinance 2003-22 was not submitted for approval; however, the new amendment supersedes that previous amendment.) Section 201 establishes a licensing requirement for individuals including gaming vendors, and for gaming facilities. Ordinance 2004-04 amends Section 104 of the Gaming Ordinance, specifying that a gaming commissioner may be removed by majority vote of the General Council. Ordinance 2003-19 amends Title 8, Chapter Two, of the Seminole Nation Code of Laws by adding a new section 205(d) requiring a Primary Management Official License for SNDA trustees.

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This letter constitutes approval of the three amendments to the Nation's Gaming Ordinance indicated above and, to the extent required, of the amendment to Title 8, Chapter Two.

Sincerely/yours, Philip N. Hogen Chairman

TO 2003-24

AN ORDINANCE OF THE SEMINOLE NATION OF OKLAHOMA AMENDING TITLE 15, CHAPTER ONE, SECTION 102, OF THE SEMINOLE CODE OF LAWS

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

Section 100. Findings:

In order for the Seminole Nation Gaming Commission to adequately function and fulfill their responsibilities, Title 15, Chapter One of the Code of Laws of the Seminole Nation of Oklahoma needs to be amended to have three fulltime Commissioners.

Section 200. Purpose.

To amend Title 15, Chapter One of the Code of Laws to provide for three fulltime Commissioners.

Section 300, Authorization/Amendment:

The General Council of the Seminole Nation of Oklahoma hereby authorizes the following amendment to Title 15, Chapter One, Section 102 of the Code of Laws to read as follows:

GAMING

CHAPTER ONE

SEMINOLE NATION GAMING COMMISSION

Section 102. Appointment and Terms of SNG Commissioners. The SNG Commission shall consist of three (3) full-time Commissioners. The Principal Chief shall nominate three members of the Seminole Nation to serve on the SNG Commission, subject to confirmation by resolution duly adopted by the General Council upon the nominees' determination by the National Indian Gaming Commission as eligible for licensing after submitting to fingerprinting, background checks, and a suitability determination pursuant to the provisions of this Code. Upon enactment of this Section, the presently appointed Commissioners shall complete their current terms. Thereafter, all SNG Commissioners shall serve a three year term commencing on the date of expiration of the preceding term. Each SNG Commissioner may serve a second three year term if nominated or appointed, subject to confirmation by resolution duly appointed by the General Council.

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ENACTED by the Seminole Nation of Oklahoma General Council on this 16th day of December 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.

Kepheth 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-six recognized members with twenty-three members attending this meeting on the 16th day of December 2003, and that the above is in conformity with the provisions therein adopted by a vote of <u>15</u> in favor, <u>5</u> against, <u>2</u> abstentions (one representative was 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



TO 2004-01

AN ORDINANCE OF THE SEMINOLE NATION OF OKLAHOMA REVISING TITLE 15, SECTION 201 OF THE SEMINOLE NATION CODE OF LAWS

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

Section 100. Findings:

- A. Title 15, Section 201 of the Code of Laws of the Seminole Nation of Oklahoma was amended by TO 2003-22 to license vendors to safeguard gaming operations.
- B. However, only the amended part was put in and the rest of the section was left out and needs to be added back to the section.

Section 200. Purpose.

To revise Title 15, Section 201 of the Code of Laws by adding the rest of the section to the amendment as defined in TO 2003-22.

Section 300. Authorization/Amendment:

The General Council of the Seminole Nation of Oklahoma hereby authorizes the following revision to Title 15, Section 201 of the Code of Laws to read as follows:

Section 201. License required. Any person, including gaming vendors, conducting public gaming operations on property within the Seminole Nation and which is subject to the jurisdiction of the Seminole Nation shall be required to have and display prominently and appropriate, valid and current Public Gaming license issued pursuant to the provisions of this Code. A separate license is required for each place, facility, or location at which gaming operations are conducted. Any other form of Public Gaming operations being conducted within the jurisdiction of the Seminole Nation without the lawful written approval of the Seminole Nation Gaming Commission are prohibited.

ENACTED by the Seminole Nation of Oklahoma General Council on this 17th day of January 2004.

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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.

Kenneth 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-seven recognized members with twenty-four members attending this meeting on the 17th day of January 2004, and that the above is in conformity with the provisions therein adopted by a vote of 24 in favor, 0 against, 0 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



TO 2004-04

AN ORDINANCE OF THE SEMINOLE NATION OF OKLAHOMA AMENDING TITLE 15, CHAPTER ONE, SECTION 104 OF THE SEMINOLE NATION CODE OF LAWS

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

Section 100. Findings:

- A. Title 15, Chapter One, Section 104 of the Seminole Nation Code of Laws state that an SNG Commissioner may be removed from office prior to the end of any term only when the General Council by an affirmative vote of nineteen (19) members removes said commissioner.
- B. Article IX, Section 1 of the Constitution of the Seminole Nation states that the removal of any other officer or band representative may be removed with a affirmative vote of nineteen (19).
- C. SNG Commission are not defined within Title 15 as officers of the Seminole Nation.

Section 200. Purpose.

To amend Title 15, Chapter One, Section 104 of the Code of Laws to provide for the removal of an SNG Commissioner by a majority vote rather than an affirmative vote of nineteen (19).

Section 300. Authorization/Amendment:

The General Council of the Seminole Nation of Oklahoma hereby authorizes the following amendment to Title 15, Chapter One, Section 104 of the Code of Laws to read as follows: Page 2 TO 2004-04

<u>Section 104</u>. Removal of SNG Commissioners. The SNG Commission may be removed from office prior to the end of any term only when the General Council by majority vote removes said commissioner for one of the following reasons: (1) failure to carry out his or her responsibilities, (2) conviction in any court of competent jurisdiction of a misdemeanor involving dishonesty, or (3) for any gross neglect of duty or misconduct reflecting on the dignity and integrity of the General Council by General Council Resolution. The SNG Commissioner may be suspended by the Chief if said SNG Commissioner fails to carry out his or her responsibilities, or is found guilty in any court of competent jurisdiction of a misdemeanor involving dishonesty, or for any gross neglect of duty or misconduct reflecting on the dignity or integrity of the General Council for ninety (90) days, and if the SNG Commissioner is so suspended the Chief shall commission a **qualified individual** to serve as Acting SNG Commissioner during the suspension of any SNG Commissioner, and shall provide written notification to the General Council of such measure stating grounds for suspension. An Acting SNG Commissioner shall have all powers of SNG Commissioner.

ENACTED by the Seminole Nation of Oklahorna General Council on this 17th day of January 2004.

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.

Kenneth E. Chambers, Principal Chie 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-seven recognized members with twenty-four members attending this meeting on the 17th day of January 2004, and that the above is in conformity with the provisions therein adopted by a vote of 13 in favor, 10 against, 0 abstentions (one representative was 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

TO 2003-19

AN ORDINANCE OF THE SEMINOLE NATION OF OKLAHOMA ENACTING AN ADDITIONAL ELIGIBILITY QUALIFICATION FOR SNDA BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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

WHEREAS, the Seminole Nation General Council desires to immediately require an additional eligibility qualification of Primary Management Official licensing for the Seminole Nation Development Authority, Board of Trustees.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ENACTED THAT by the Seminole Nation General Council that Title 8, Chapter Two, Section 205(d), is hereby created, enacted and shall be codified as follows:

(d) Each Trustee is not eligible and shall be barred from serving as a Trustee until such time as a Primary Management Official License is issued to the individual Trustee by the Seminole Nation Gaming Commission and submitted to the National Indian Gaming Commission pursuant to the application process of submitting to finger printing, a background investigation and a suitability determination.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER ENACTED THAT by the Seminole Nation General Council that this enactment is immediate; and that each current SNDA Trustee shall submit to the requirements of Title 8, Chapter Two, Section 205(d) or be disallowed from voting and conducting any SNDA gaming business until such as a temporary or permanent license is issued by the Seminole Nation Gaming Commission.

ENACTED by the Seminole Nation of Oklahoma General Council on this 27th 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



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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-seven recognized members with twenty-five members attending this meeting on the 27th day of September 2003, and that the above is in conformity with the provisions therein adopted by a vote of **24** in favor, **0** against, **0** abstentions (one representative was 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

