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Re: Amendment to the Seminole Nation Gaming Ordinance

Dear Ms. McBee:

By letter dated April 1, 2004, you submitted an amendment 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 amendment on March 30, 2004, with Ordinance 2004-20. The amendment modifies Section 205 of the Gaming Ordinance by adding a new subsection (j) to allow the Seminole Nation Gaming Commission to issue ninety-day temporary gaming licenses to the Seminole Nation Development Authority Board of Trustee members if certain conditions are met.

The Indian Gaming Regulatory Act 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 their 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. I approved amendments to the Nation's Gaming Ordinance with letters dated December 17, 2003, and March 10, 2004. A letter from the NIGC Acting General Counsel dated October 17, 2003, notes approval of another amendment by operation of 25 C.F.R. §§ 522.9 and 523.4

Thank you for submitting the recent amendment to Section 205 of the Seminole Nation's Gaming Ordinance for our review. This letter constitutes approval of the amendment.

Sincerelv Philip N. Hogen Chairman

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AN ORDINANCE OF THE SEMINOLE NATION OF OKLAHOMA REVISING TITLE 15, CHAPTER TWO, SECTION 205 TO ESTABLISH SECTION 205 (j) OF THE SEMINOLE NATION PUBLIC GAMING ACT

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

Section 100. Findings:

Title 15, Chapter Two, section 205 (a) of the Code of Laws of the Seminole Nation of Oklahoma allow the Seminole Nation Gaming Commission to grant ninety-day, temporary gaming licenses to key employees and primary management officials that are *employed* by the Nation's gaming operation.

Title 15, chapter Two, Section 205 (j) would be added to clarify the issuance of a ninety-day, temporary gaming license for primary management officials, including SNDA Board of Trustee members who have submitted completed gaming licenses and finger print cards to the Seminole Nation Gaming Commission in compliance with Title 8, Section 205 (d).

Section 200. Purpose.

To establish Title 15, Chapter Two, Section 205 (j) of the Seminole Nation Public Gaming Act to allow all the Seminole Gaming Commission to issue ninety-day, temporary gaming licenses to the SNDA Board of Trustee members upon their submission of a completed gaming license application and finger print cards to the Seminole Nation Gaming Commission in compliance with Title 8, Section 205 (d).

Section 300. Authorization/Amendment:

The General Council of the Seminole Nation of Oklahoma hereby authorizes the following amendment to Title 15, Chapter Two, Section 205 (d) of the Seminole Nation Public Gaming Act to read as follows:

Section 205.

(j) The Seminole Nation Gaming Commission may issue a ninety-day, temporary gaming license to the Seminole Nation Development Authority Board of Trustees as primary management officials, upon SNGC's review of their individual, completed gaming license application and finger print card in compliance with Title 8, Section 205 (d). Page 2 TO 2004-20

ENACTED by the Seminole Nation of Oklahoma General Council on this 30th day of March 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.

enneth E. Chambers, Principal Chief

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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-eight recognized members with twenty-five members attending this meeting on the 30th day of March 2004, and that the above is in conformity with the provisions therein adopted by a vote of <u>15</u> in favor, <u>4</u> against, <u>6</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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