

March 5, 2012

Notice of Regulatory Review Schedule

Dear Tribal Chairman:

On behalf of the National Indian Gaming Commission (NIGC or Commission), we invite you to participate in a consultation meeting on the Notice of Regulatory Review Schedule Groups One and Three regulations. Specifically, we seek input on the following regulations:

Group 1:

(a) Part 542 Minimum Internal Control Standards for Class III Gaming

Group 3:

(a) Part 543 – Minimum Internal Control Standards for Class II Gaming; and
(b) Part 547– Minimum Technical Standards for Gaming Equipment Used with the play of Class II Games.

This schedule is the result of the NIGC's review and consideration of comments received in response to the Notice of Inquiry published on November 18, 2010 and subsequent Notice of Regulatory Review Agenda published on April 4, 2011 in the Federal Register. We know that the best results can be achieved after meaningful consultation with Indian tribes and we look forward to your participation.

The NIGC recognizes and respects the sovereignty of Indian tribes and the governmentto-government relationship that exists between the United States and tribal governments. Accordingly, the NIGC committed to implementing the President's November 5, 2009 Executive Memorandum on Tribal Consultation with Indian tribes and Executive Order 13,175 prior to and during any rulemaking process.

As such, we invite all Tribal leaders to share their views with the Commission on Groups One and Three regulations at a consultation scheduled for April 5, 2012 in San Diego, CA, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the following location:

> San Diego Convention Center 111 W. Harbor Dr. San Diego, CA 92101 Room 5 AB

For those Tribal leaders unable to attend this consultation, we invite you to submit written comments by e-mail to <u>reg.review@nigc.gov</u>, or by U.S. mail to National Indian Gaming Commission, Attn: Regulatory Review, <u>1441 L Street</u>, NW, <u>Suite 9100</u>, <u>Washington, DC 20005</u>.

The Commission intends to post comments received and transcripts of each consultation on the NIGC website under the heading "Tribal Consultation," on the left-hand side of the NIGC home page, <u>www.nigc.gov</u>.

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 <u>consultation.rsvp@nigc.gov</u>. Information regarding the time and location of each tribal consultation will be posted on our website.

We are committed to working together on a government-to-government basis to maximize the results of this regulatory review process. We look forward to meeting with you should your schedule allow.

Thank you for your interest and participation in this regulatory review process.

Sincerely,

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