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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
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Honorable Edward L. Metcalf
Tribal Chairman
Coquille Tribe of Indians
295 S. 10th
Coos Bay, Oregon 97420

Dear Chairman Metcalf:

On April 1, 1999, we received Amendment V to the Tribal-State Compact for Regulation of Class III Gaming between the Coquille Tribe of Indians (Tribe) and the State of Oregon (State), dated March 29, 1999. We have completed our review of this Amendment and conclude that it does not violate the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act of 1988 (IGRA), Federal law, or our trust responsibility. Therefore, pursuant to Section 11 (d)(8)(A) of IGRA, 25 U.S.C. § 2710(d)(8)(A) and delegated authority in 209 DM 8.1, we approve the Amendment. The Amendment shall take effect when the notice of our approval, pursuant to Section 11 (d)(3)(B) of IGRA, 25 U.S.C. § 2710(d)(3)(B), is published in the FEDERAL REGISTER.

We wish the Tribe and the State continued success in their economic venture.

Sincerely,

/s/ Kevin Gover

Assistant Secretary - Indian Affairs

Enclosure

Identical Letter Sent to: Honorable John Kitzhaber
Governor of Oregon
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Salem, Oregon 97310

cc: Portland Area Director w/copy of approved Amendment
Supt., Siletz Agency w/copy of approved Amendment
National Indian Gaming Commission w/copy of approved Amendment
Pacific NW Regional Field Solicitor w/copy of approved Amendment
Portland United States Attorney w/copy of approved Amendment

TRIBAL-STATE COMPACT FOR REGULATION OF CLASS III GAMING BETWEEN The COQUILLE TRIBE OF INDIANS AND THE STATE OF OREGON

AMENDMENT V.

This amendment is made to the Class III Gaming Compact between the Coquille Tribe of Indians of Oregon and the State of Oregon executed on December 8, 1994, and approved by the Secretary of the Interior on February 16, 1995. The terms of this amendment are in addition to and, except as specifically provided herein, do not supersede any of the provisions of the original compact, or Amendments I, II, III, and IV thereto.

WHEREAS, the Tribe wishes to extend the terms of Amendments I, II, III and IV to the Compact which provide for regulation of house banked blackjack at the gaming facility, and

WHEREAS, the State agrees that the circumstances justify this Amendment, and

WHEREAS, the Tribe and the State agree that the State functions of monitoring and oversight of tribal gaming operations will be funded by the tribal gaming industry and wish to amend Section 10 of the Compact with respect to assessment of state costs;

NOW THEREFORE, the Tribe and the State hereby approve the following amendments to the Compact:

I. Section I of Amendment IV is amended as follows:

The provisions of Section V of Amendment I expire on ~~March 31, 1999~~ March 31, 2000. Unless an extension of the provisions of this amendment or a permanent amendment governing the operation of house banked blackjack has been negotiated and executed before the expiration of this amendment, the Tribe agrees to terminate blackjack games at the gaming facility until a new agreement has been negotiated and executed.

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II. Subsections A, B and C of Section 10 of the Compact are amended as follows:

SECTION 10. STATE ASSESSMENT OF COSTS FOR OVERSIGHT.

~~A. Imposition of Assessment for State Law Enforcement and Regulatory Expenditures. The State shall make annually an assessment sufficient to compensate the State for the reasonable and necessary costs of regulating gaming operations and conducting state law enforcement investigations pursuant to this Compact. The State shall assess only those costs related to gaming. The State acknowledges expressly herein that the extent of oversight is related directly to the size and scope of gaming. Such assessment shall include any costs of fringe benefits for personnel. Fees received with respect to the submission of gaming licenses and contracts pursuant to subsection 7.C. of this Compact shall be subtracted from the amount of the assessment.~~

~~B. Procedure for Assessments. The procedure for assessments shall be determined and agreed upon annually in a Memorandum of Understanding between the parties to this Compact. Such agreement shall include provisions for adjustments of excess assessments and underpayment of costs. The Tribe may request and obtain documentation of assessed costs from the State. No fees with respect to civil disputes involving the Tribe that are presented to the courts of the State for resolution shall be assessed hereunder.~~

~~C. Resolution of Disputes. If the parties fail to agree to the assessments under this section, such dispute shall be resolved pursuant to Section 16 of this Compact.~~

A. Assessment for State Monitoring, Oversight and Law Enforcement Costs

1. The Tribe agrees that the Oregon Gaming Tribes have the collective responsibility to pay for the cost of performance by OSP of its activities authorized pursuant to this Compact, including associated overhead. The Tribe agrees to pay its fair share of the Oregon State Police costs pursuant to the formula set forth in this Section within 30 days of billing.

2. During the development of its biennium budget, the Oregon State Police shall distribute a draft of the Tribal Gaming section portion of the budget to the Oregon Gaming tribes for their review and comment prior to submission of the budget to either the Governor or the Legislature. The Oregon State Police shall give full consideration to the Oregon Gaming Tribes' comments on the Tribal Gaming Section budget. Notwithstanding the right of the Oregon Gaming tribes to comment on the Tribal Gaming Section budget before it is finalized within the Oregon State Police, each Tribe retains the right to participate in any public review by either the governor or the

Legislature on the Oregon State Police budget as well as before the Emergency Board for any increase in the Oregon State Police budget.

3. Because of the government-to-government relationship between the Tribes and the State, the parties recognize that the obligation of the Tribes to pay for the Oregon State Police costs as provided by this Compact is unique. Nothing in this Compact is intended to, nor shall be construed as, creating a responsibility for the Tribes to pay for any other governmental services rendered by or received from the State.

4. The Tribes' monthly payment to the Oregon State Police shall be computed as follows:

   a) The biennium budget for the Tribal Gaming Section shall be divided by 24 to determine the total monthly payment that must be made by the Oregon Gaming Tribes to the Oregon State Police for Compact related activities. This payment shall be referred to as the "OSP Monthly Payment."

   b) Amounts received by the Oregon State Police from Class III Gaming Contractor license applicants, or any other gaming vendor license applicant, and from the payment for the assignment of Tribal Gaming Section officers to non-tribal gaming duties, shall reduce the OSP Monthly Payment owed by the Oregon Gaming Tribes. The reduction in the OSP Monthly Payment owed by the Oregon Gaming Tribes shall occur in the month the Oregon State Police receives such payments from third party sources.

   c) The Tribes' monthly payment to the Oregon State Police shall be computed as follows:

$$\frac{\text{No. of direct Service Hours billed to Coquille Tribal Gaming Operations}}{\text{Total No. of Direct Service Hours Billed to All Oregon Tribal Gaming Operation.}} \times \text{OSP Monthly Payment} = \text{Tribes Share of OSP Monthly Payment}$$

   d) Every six months, or biennium quarter, the Oregon State Police shall reconcile the total payments received from the Oregon Gaming Tribes and third party sources during the six month period. The total of these payments should equal one-fourth of the Oregon State Police/Tribal Gaming Section biennium budget. Any underpayment or overpayment shall adjust the amount owed by the Oregon Gaming Tribes the month following the reconciliation.

5. As used in this section

a) "Oregon Gaming Tribes" means any federally recognized Indian Tribes in Oregon engaged in Class III gaming pursuant to a Tribal-State Compact.

b) "Direct Service Hours" means the actual time spent by Oregon State Police personnel in performing employee background checks, performing background checks on Class III Gaming Contractors or other gaming vendors (unless paid by the Class III Gaming Contractor or other gaming vendor), performing Compact monitoring functions (including the annual comprehensive compact compliance review), conducting an investigation, and traveling to and from the Gaming facility or the site of a Class III Gaming Contractor background investigation, for a particular Tribal Gaming Operation. This definition is in no way intended to limit OSP's activities authorized pursuant to this Compact. The Oregon State Police shall keep direct service hour billing records setting forth the date work is performed, a brief description of the work performed and the amount of time spent.

6. The methodology for the payment of Oregon State Police costs shall begin on January 1, 1999.

7. For the time period beginning January 1, 1999, this provision supersedes the terms of any and all Memoranda of Understanding entered into between the Tribe and OSP pursuant to Section 10 of the Compact, as those terms relate to payment of OSP costs.

B. If the Tribe disputes the amount of the assessment under this Section, the Tribe shall timely pay the undisputed amount and within thirty (30) days of billing, shall notify OSP in writing of the specific nature of the dispute. If the parties have not resolved the dispute within 15 days, the Tribe shall pay the disputed amount into an off-reservation escrow, mutually agreeable to the parties, with escrow instructions providing that the funds are to be released only upon authorization by both the ~~Tribes~~ and the Oregon State Police. The parties shall share the reasonable costs of the escrow. The dispute shall then be resolved pursuant to the procedures set forth in section 6B(3) and (4) of this Compact.

If the Tribe fails to timely pay the disputed amount into escrow or timely pay the undisputed amount, the Oregon State Police may suspend any background checks that are in process or withhold authorization for the shipment of equipment, and/or pursue other remedies for Compact violations available under this compact or IGRA.

III. This amendment is effective as an extension under Section I of Amendment III of the Compact, upon execution by the State and the Tribe, and submission to the Secretary of the Interior. It is the intent of both the State and the Tribe that this Amendment be fully enforceable as between the parties to it from and after the date it is executed and submitted to the Secretary of the Interior.

EXECUTED as of the date and year below.

STATE OF OREGON

John A. Kitzhaber, M.D., Governor

Date: 3/29/99

COQUILLE TRIBE OF INDIANS OF OREGON

Edward L. Metcalf, Tribal Chairman

Date: 5/24/99

APPROVED BY THE **ASSISTANT SECRETARY - INDIAN AFFAIRS**

By: KEVIN GOVER

Date: MAY 14 1999