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Washington, D.C. 20240

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Honorable Antone Minthorn
Chairman, Confederated Tribes of the
Umatilla Indian Reservation
P.O. Box 638
Pendleton, Oregon 97801

Dear Chairman Minthorn:

On January 6, 1997, we received Amendment V to the Compact between the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation (Tribe) and the State of Oregon (State), dated December 22, 1997. We have completed our review of the 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 success in their economic venture.

Sincerely,

/s/ Kevin Gover

Assistant Secretary - Indian Affairs

Enclosure

Identical letter sent to: Honorable John Kitzhaber
Governor of Oregon
254 State Capitol
Salem, Oregon 97310

cc: Portland Area Director w/copy of approved Amendment
Supt., Umatilla Agency w/copy of approved Amendment
National Indian Gaming Commission w/copy of approved Amendment
Field Solicitor-Pacific NW Regional Ofc w/copy of approved Amendment
Oregon U.S. Attorney w/copy of approved Amendment

## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Indian Affairs

### Indian Gaming

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of approved Amendment to Tribal-State Compact.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to Section 11 of the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act of 1988, Pub. L. 100–497, 25 U.S.C. 2710, the Secretary of the Interior shall publish, in the **Federal Register**, notice of approved amendments to Tribal-State Compacts for the purpose of engaging in Class III (casino) gambling on Indian reservations. The Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior, through his delegated authority, has approved Amendment V to the Gaming Compact Between the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation and the State of Oregon, which was executed on December 22, 1997.

**DATES:** This action is effective February 27, 1998.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Acting Director, Indian Gaming Management Staff, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Washington, D.C. 20240, (202) 219–4068.

Dated: February 19, 1998.

**Kevin Gover,**

*Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.*

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# TRIBAL-STATE COMPACT FOR REGULATION OF CLASS III GAMING BETWEEN THE CONFEDERATED TRIBES OF THE UMATILLA INDIAN RESERVATION AND THE STATE OF OREGON

## AMENDMENT V.

This amendment is made to the Class III Gaming Compact between the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation of Oregon and the State of Oregon executed on November 29, 1993, and approved by the Secretary of the Interior on February 2, 1994. 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 Tribes wish to extend the terms of Amendments 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,

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

I. Paragraph 8 of Subsection G of Section 4 of the Compact (contained in Amendment II as amended in Amendment III, paragraph I), is amended as follows:

> 8. The provisions of subsection G of Section 4 of this Compact as amended ~~by this Amendment III~~, expire on ~~June 30, 1997. However, if the compliance review described in Section 4.G.9 of the Compact (added by this Amendment) is completed before October 31, 1996, subsection G of section 4 of this compact shall expire on December 31, 1997~~. March 31, 1998. Unless an extension 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 Tribes agree to terminate blackjack games at the gaming facility until a new agreement has been negotiated and executed.

II. This amendment is effective as an extension under paragraph 8 of Subsection G of Section 4 of the Compact, upon execution by the State and the Tribes, 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, both as to the Tribe's ability to offer house banked blackjack and the State's and the Tribe's responsibility to implement the regulatory amendments contained herein.

EXECUTED as of the date and year below.

STATE OF OREGON

John Kitzhaber, Governor

Date:_____

CONFEDERATED TRIBES OF THE UMATILLA INDIAN RESERVATION OF OREGON

Antone Minthorne, Chairman
Board of Trustees

Date:_____

APPROVED BY THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY - INDIAN AFFAIRS

By: Kevin Gover

Date: FEB 18 1999