



February 3, 2012

Dear Tribal Advisory Committee Member:

On behalf of the National Indian Gaming Commission (NIGC or Commission), we would like to thank each member of the Tribal Advisory Committee (TAC or Committee) for all of your efforts over the past four months. We are very grateful for your commitment to reviewing and providing recommendations for improving Part 547, Minimum Technical Standards for Gaming Equipment used with the Play of Class II Games and Part 543, Minimum Internal Control Standards for Class II Games.

At the final in-person meeting on January 12, 2012, the Committee completed recommendations for Part 547. We have received the Committee's final report and are in the process of reviewing those recommendations. The Committee also completed its final review of all sections for Part 543 and made recommendations at that meeting as well. These are incredible accomplishments made well in advance of the anticipated completion date. We commend the Committee's work and are thankful for the time and energy dedicated to this endeavor.

Additionally, we received your January 12, 2012 and January 30, 2012 letters which raise valuable points that deserve additional explanation. At the conclusion of the November meeting, it was clear that the review of the material would be completed more quickly than either the Commission or the Committee originally anticipated. As such, the Commission determined that any remaining work could be completed through virtual meetings and other electronic means. In making our determination to adjust the February and March meetings, the Commission took into account a number of considerations. These included cost savings for all participants, the extraordinary progress made by the Committee in completing its recommendations, and an understanding that everyone has important responsibilities back home.

As we have stated previously, the Commission applauds the dedication each of you have shown by participating in the important work of this Committee. We formed the Committee to draw on the expertise of tribal regulators to provide recommendations to the Commission as we review these standards. We also understand that many of you have chosen to meet in Tucson, AZ next week for further discussions. We look forward to receiving your final written report summarizing the completed review of Part 543 and respectfully request your recommendations be forwarded to the Commission no later than February 14, 2012.

The Commission intends to fully review each recommendation and will carefully consider all information gathered as we move forward. As has been the practice of this Commission, we intend to conduct government-to-government tribal consultations on revisions proposed to Part 543 and Part 547 as we progress.

We thank you again for your commitment to this process.

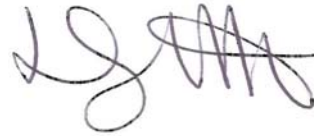
Sincerely,



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