DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Indian Affairs

Indian Gaming

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of approval of amendment to Tribal-State Compact.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to section 11 of the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act of 1988 (IGRA), Pub. L. 100–497, 25 U.S.C. 2710, the Secretary of the Interior shall publish, in the Federal Register, notice of approved Tribal-State Compacts for the purpose of engaging in Class III gaming activities on Indian lands. The Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior, through his delegated authority, has approved an Amendment, executed on November 9, 1999, to the Gaming Compact between the Tunica-Biloxi Indian Tribe of Louisiana and the State of Louisiana.

DATES: This action is effective November 26, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: George T. Skibine, Director, Office of Indian Gaming Management, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Washington, DC 20240, (202) 219–4066.

Dated: November 18, 1999.

Kevin Gover,
Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.

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EXTENSION OF THE
TRIBAL-STATE COMPACT
FOR THE CONDUCT OF CLASS III GAMING
BETWEEN THE
TUNICA-BILOXI INDIAN TRIBE OF LOUISIANA
AND THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

WHEREAS: in 1988, the Congress of the United States of America enacted the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act, which provided a statutory basis for the operation and regulation of gaming by Indian Tribes; and

WHEREAS: pursuant to the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act, the Tribal-State Compact for the conduct of Class III Gaming Between the Tunica-Biloxi Indian Tribe of Louisiana and the State of Louisiana was executed and signed by Chairman Earl J. Barby, Sr., on September 23, 1992 (and as amended on November 6, 1992) and by Governor Edwin W. Edwards on September 8, 1992 (and as amended on November 4, 1992); and became effective upon publishing of approval by the Secretary of the Interior of the United States of America, in the Federal Register on November 18, 1992;

WHEREAS: in accordance with the relevant provisions of this Compact, the State of Louisiana, through Governor Murphy J. Foster, Jr., has given the Tunica-Biloxi Indian Tribe of Louisiana notice of non-renewal of the Compact;

WHEREAS: the Tunica-Biloxi Indian Tribe of Louisiana and the State of Louisiana mutually desire to negotiate a successor Class III Gaming Compact, without any alteration or interruption in the terms of the existing Compact; and

WHEREAS: the Tunica-Biloxi Indian Tribe of Louisiana and the State of Louisiana desire to extend the existing Tribal-State Compact, which will expire on or about November 18, 1999, for a period of time sufficient to permit the parties a reasonable opportunity to negotiate, agree upon, and put into effect a successor compact;

NOW THEREFORE WE, the Tunica-Biloxi Indian Tribe of Louisiana and the State of Louisiana, by virtue of the authority vested through the Constitution and laws of the United States of America
and of the **State of Louisiana**, and of the laws and Resolutions of the Tribal Council of the **Tunica-Biloxi Indian Tribe of Louisiana**, and in order to preserve and protect the health, safety, and welfare of our people, do hereby extend the existing, and hereinabove described Tribal-State Compact for the conduct of Class III gaming, until 5:00 o’clock P.M. Central Standard Time, on the _____ day of _May_, 2000, or until a successor compact is agreed upon and becomes effective, whichever occurs first. This agreement is entered into solely for the purpose of extending the existing compact, for the time specified in this agreement, and not for the purpose of renewing the existing compact.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF,** as duly authorized representatives of the **Tunica-Biloxi Indian Tribe of Louisiana** and the **State of Louisiana**, we have hereunto set our hands officially and caused to be affixed the Great Seals of the **Tunica-Biloxi Indian Tribe of Louisiana** and the **State of Louisiana**.

**TUNICA-BILOXI INDIAN TRIBE OF LOUISIANA**

[Signature]

**EARL J. BARBRY, SR.**

TRIBAL CHAIRMAN

DATE: __________________________

**STATE OF LOUISIANA**

[Signature]

**MURPHY J. FOSTER, JR.**

GOVERNOR

DATE: Nov 9, 1999

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

[Signature]

**KEVIN GOVER**

ASSISTANT SECRETARY-INDIAN AFFAIRS

DATE: Nov 18, 1999