DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Indian Affairs

Indian Gaming

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs. Interior.

ACTION: Notice of amendment to approved 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 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 the Fourth Amendment to the April 6, 1992 Agreement between the Assiniboine and Sioux Tribes of the Fort Peck Reservation and the State of Montana concerning Video Keno, Poker and Bingo Games, Simulcast Racing and Other Class III Gaming which was executed on August 6, 1998.

DATES: This action is effective October 19, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
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Kevin Gover.
Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.

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Honorabe Spike Bighorn  
Chairman  
Assiniboine and Sioux Tribes  
of the Fort Peck Reservation  
P.O. Box 1027  
Poplar, Montana  59255  

Dear Chairman Bighorn:  

On August 20, 1998, we received the Fourth Amendment to the April 6, 1992 Agreement Between the Assiniboine Sioux Tribes of the Fort Peck Reservation (Tribe) and the State of Montana (State), approved August 6, 1998. 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)(B)(A) of IGRA, 25 U.S.C. § 2710(d)(B)(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,  

[Signature]  

Assistant Secretary - Indian Affairs  

Enclosure  

Identical Letter Sent to:  
Honorable Marc Racicot  
Governor of Montana  
State Capitol  
Helena, Montana 59620-0801
FOURTH AMENDMENT TO THE APRIL 6, 1992 AGREEMENT BETWEEN
THE ASSINIBOINE AND SIOUX TRIBES OF THE FORT PECK RESERVATION
AND THE STATE OF MONTANA
CONCERNING VIDEO KENO, POKER AND BINGO GAMES,
SIMULCAST RACING AND OTHER CLASS III GAMING

The purpose of this amendment to the Fort Peck-Montana Compact is to authorize the Tribes
to license individual Indians to operate gaming on the Fort Peck Reservation. The Tribes and the
State pursuant to Article VIIIIB of the Agreement between the parties agree as follows:

1. Section IVC is amended to read as follows:

“The Tribes may license any Indian to own and operate a gaming
operation on the Reservation so long as such operation is consistent
with all provisions of this Compact and with the Indian Gaming
Regulatory Act. Whenever an interest in any gambling license or
permit is owned in whole or in part by a non-Indian, the State of
Montana shall regulate those gambling activities.”

2. Section VA2 is amended to read as follows:

“2. All gaming authorized under Section A of Article IV shall be
conducted by the Tribes directly or by an Indian licensed by the Tribes
to operate such gaming.”

3. Section VB1 is amended to read as follows:

“1. Prize limits at tribally owned premises may not exceed a value
higher than $1000.00 for each individual award. No more than twenty
(20) machines per premise shall be available for play by individual
tribally-licensed operators with a maximum payout of $800.00 for
each individual award or a payout equal to that which is allowed under
state law, whichever is greater.”

4. All terms and conditions of the April 6, 1992 agreement not specifically amended
herein remain in full force and effect.

ASSINIBOINE AND SIOUX TRIBES
OF THE FORT PECK RESERVATION

Spike Bighorn, Chairman
7-22-98
Date

STATE OF MONTANA

Marc Racicot, Governor
8-6-98
Date

Joseph P. Mazurek
Attorney General
Consistent with 25 U.S.C.A. Sec. 2710 (d)(8), the Fourth Amendment to the April 6, 1992 Agreement between the Assiniboine and Sioux Tribes of the Fort Peck Reservation and the State of Montana Concerning Video Keno, Poker and Bingo Games, Simulcast Racing and Other Class III Gaming dated August 6, 1998, is hereby approved on this ___ day of ________, 1998, by the Assistant Secretary - Indian Affairs, United States Department of the Interior.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

[Signature]
Kevin Gover
Assistant Secretary - Indian Affairs