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, Public Law 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 Amendment VI to the Tribal-State Compact for Regulation of Class III Gaming Between the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians of Oregon and the State of Oregon, which was executed on April 29, 1999.

DATES: This action is effective July 7, 1999.

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

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Honorable Delores Pigsley
Chairman, Confederated Tribes of
the Siletz Indians of Oregon
P.O. Box 549
Siletz, Oregon 97380

Dear Chairman Pigsley:

On May 12, 1999, we received Amendment VI to the Tribal-State Compact for Regulation of Class III Gaming between the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians (Tribe) and the State of Oregon (State), dated April 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 my delegated authority and Section 11 of IGRA, 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,

[Signature]

Assistant Secretary - Indian Affairs

Enclosure

Identical Letter Sent to: Honorable John Kitzhaber
Governor of Oregon
254 State Capitol
Salem, Oregon 97310
TRIBAL-STATE COMPACT FOR REGULATION OF
CLASS III GAMING BETWEEN THE CONFEDERATED TRIBES
OF SILETZ INDIANS AND THE STATE OF OREGON

AMENDMENT VI

This amendment is made to the Class III Gaming Compact between the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians of Oregon and the State of Oregon executed on November 14, 1994, and approved by the Secretary of the Interior on March 22, 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, IV and V thereto.

WHEREAS, the parties are currently renegotiating their Class III Gaming Compact and desire to increase the number of video lottery terminals the Tribes may operate pending renegotiation; and

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

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

I. Paragraph 4 of Subsection F of Section 4 of the Compact (adopted pursuant to Amendment I, and further amended by Amendments II-V) is amended as follows:

4. The Tribe may operate a maximum of twenty-four tables of house banked blackjack at the permanent gaming facility during the term of this agreement. The Tribe also agrees that during the term of this Amendment, and so long as the Tribe is operating twenty-four blackjack tables, the Tribe will not increase the number of video lottery terminals beyond 861. The Tribe may increase the number of video lottery terminals by decreasing the number of blackjack tables on the gaming floor and vice versa, up to the maximum number of tables specified in this paragraph. An increase of eight video lottery terminals is permitted for each decrease of one blackjack table.

II. The Tribe may maintain video lottery terminals in storage, so long as the total number of video lottery terminals in operation on the gaming floor and in storage does not exceed 1158, and so long as the location and manner of storage is approved by the Oregon State Police, and the Oregon State Police are provided access to the storage location.
III. It is the intent of both the State and the Tribes 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: 24 April 1999

CONFEDERATED TRIBES OF THE SILETZ INDIANS OF OREGON

Date: ______________

Dee Pigsley, Chair

APPROVED BY THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY – INDIAN AFFAIRS

By: KEVIN GOVER

Date: JUN 25 1999

Date: ______________