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Honorable Edward L. Metcalf
Tribal Chairman
Coquille Tribe of Indians
295 S. 10th
P.O. Box 1435
Coos Bay, Oregon 97420

Dear Chairman Metcalf:

On March 25, 1998, we received Amendment IV to the Tribal-State Compact for Regulation of Class III Gaming between the Coquille Tribe of Indians (Tribe) and the State of Oregon (State), dated March 23, 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)(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

**TRIBAL-STATE COMPACT FOR REGULATION OF
CLASS III GAMING BETWEEN THE
COQUILLE TRIBE OF INDIANS
AND THE STATE OF OREGON**

AMENDMENT IV

This amendment is made to the Class III Gaming Compact between the Coquille Tribe of Indians of Oregon and the State of Oregon executed on December 8, 1994, and approved by the Secretary of the Interior on February 16, 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 and III thereto.

WHEREAS, the Tribe wishes to extend the terms of Amendments I, II and III 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 Tribe and the State hereby approve the following amendments to the Compact:

- I. Section I of Amendment III is amended as follows:

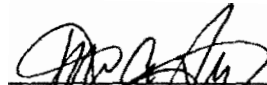
The provisions of Section V of Amendment I expire on ~~March 31, 1998~~
March 31, 1999. Unless an extension of the provisions of this amendment or a permanent amendment governing the operation of house banked blackjack has been negotiated and executed before the expiration of this amendment, the Tribe agrees to terminate blackjack games at the gaming facility until a new agreement has been negotiated and executed.

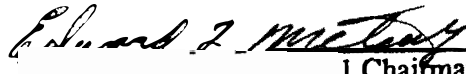
II. This amendment is effective as an extension under Section I of Amendment II of the Compact, upon execution by the State and the Tribe, and submission to the Secretary of the Interior. It is the intent of both the State and the Tribe that this Amendment be fully enforceable as between the parties to it from and after the date it is executed and submitted to the Secretary of the Interior.

EXECUTED as of the date and year below.


STATE OF OREGON

COQUILLE TRIBE OF INDIANS
OF OREGON


John Kitzhaber, Governor
Date: 12 March 1998


I Chairman
Date: 3/23/98

APPROVED BY THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY - INDIAN AFFAIRS

By: 
KEVIN GOVER
Date: MAY 08 1998