

# United States Department of the Interior

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY Washington, D.C. 20240

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Honorable Jeff C. Mitchell Chairman The Klamath Tribes P.O. Box 436 Chiloquin, Oregon 97624

Dear Chairman Mitchell:

On April 4, 2000, we received Amendment VII to the Tribal-State Compact for Regulation of Class III Gaming between The Klamath Tribes (Tribe) and the State of Oregon (State), dated March 31, 2000. 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.

Notwithstanding our approval of the Amendment, we want to remind you that your Minimum Internal Control Standards must be in accordance with the National Indian Gaming Commission's regulations, set forth in 25 CFR Part 542.

We wish the Tribe and the State continued success in their economic venture.

Sincerely,

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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 KLAMATH TRIBES

## AND THE STATE OF OREGON

## AMENDMENT VII

This amendment is made to the Class III Gaming Compact between the Klamath Tribes and the State of Oregon executed on December 16, 1994, and approved by the Secretary of the Interior on February 24, 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, V and VI thereto.

WHEREAS, the Tribes wish to extend the terms of Amendment V and VI 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, and

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

I. Paragraph I of Amendment V is amended as follows:

The provisions of this amendment expire on March-31, 2000 December 31, 2001. Unless an extension 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 Tribes agree to terminate blackjack games at the gaming facility until a new agreement has been negotiated and executed.

II. Section 8A of the Compact is amended to add the following language:

The provisions of the Appendix, "Tribal/State Minimum Internal Control Standards," are hereby incorporated into and made a part of this Compact. The Tribes and the State agree that the minimum standards set forth in the Appendix may be modified or supplemented by mutual agreement of the parties, and that subsequent amendment of this Compact shall not be necessary for any such modification or supplementation of the minimum standards set forth in the Appendix.

III. This amendment is effective as an extension under paragraph X of Amendment III of the Compact, upon execution by the State and the Tribes, and submission to the Secretary of the Interior. 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, both as to the Tribes' ability to offer house banked blackjack and the State's and the Tribes' responsibility to implement the regulatory amendments contained herein.

EXECUTED as of the date and year below.

STATE OF OREGON

John A. Kitzhaber, M.D., Governor

Date: 31 March 2000

THE KLAMATH TRIBES

Allen Foreman, Chairman

Date:  $3 - 28 \cdot 00$ 

APPROVED BY THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY - INDIAN AFFAIRS

BY: VEVIN COVED

Date:

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