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The Honorable Keith B. Anderson
Chairman, Shakopee Mdewakanton
Sioux Community
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Dear Chairman Anderson:

On September 8, 2021, the Department of the Interior (Department) received the *Third Amendment to Technical Standards in [the] Tribal-State Compact for Control of Class III Blackjack on the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community Reservation in Minnesota* (Amendment) and the State of Minnesota (State) providing for the conduct of class III gaming activities by the Tribe.

We completed our review of the Amendment and conclude that it does not violate the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (IGRA), any other provision of Federal law that does not relate to jurisdiction over gaming on Indian lands, or the trust obligations of the United States to Indians. 25 U.S.C. § 2710(d)(8)(B). Therefore, pursuant to my delegated authority and Section 11 of IGRA, I approve the Amendment. 25 U.S.C. § 2710(d)(8)(A). The Amendment takes effect when the notice of this approval is published in the *Federal Register*. 25 U.S.C. § 2710(d)(3)(B).

A similar letter is being sent to the Honorable John Harrington, Commissioner, Minnesota Department of Public Safety.

Sincerely,

Bryan Newland
Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs

THIRD AMENDMENT TO
TECHNICAL STANDARDS IN
TRIBAL-STATE COMPACT FOR CONTROL
OF CLASS III BLACKJACK
ON THE SHAKOPEE MDEWAKANTON
SIOUX COMMUNITY RESERVATION IN MINNESOTA

Pursuant to Section 7 of the Tribal-State Compact for Control of Blackjack on the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community Reservation in Minnesota (the "Compact"), the State of Minnesota, by and through its Commissioner of Public Safety, and the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community (the "Community") agree to amend the Compact as follows, for the express and limited purpose of allowing additional propositional wagers & side bets, and to allow higher odds payoffs for those wagers:

1. Section 4.5(1)E is deleted and replaced with the following language:

"Propositional Wager" or "Side Bets" shall mean an additional wager that is placed at the sole discretion of the player but would not affect the normal play of a hand, as specified in section 4.5(9).

2. Section 4.5(3)G is deleted and replaced with the following language:

The odds for the payment of all winning wagers and a Blackjack shall be conspicuously posted at the gaming table.

3. Section 4.5(3)I is deleted and replaced with the following language:

Once a wager has been made and confirmed by the dealer, no player shall handle, remove or alter such wagers unless the dealer approves such a removal or alteration in accordance with these regulations.

4. The heading to Section 4.5(9) is changed to "Propositional Wagers", and the numbering in the current Sections 4.5(9) Surrender through 4.5(12) Splitting Pairs is changed to 4.5(9)A Surrender through 4.5(9)D Splitting Pairs, with the provisions remaining the same from a substantive perspective, as follows:

(9) Propositional Wagers:

A. Surrender

1. The Community may, at its discretion, allow a player to elect to surrender. A surrender allows the player to discontinue play on his hand for that round by surrendering one half of his wager after the first two cards are dealt to the play and the player's point total is announced.
2. The Community shall promulgate rules specifically governing the play of surrender. Such rules shall be made available to any player upon request. The basic rules governing surrender shall be conspicuously posted at the location where blackjack

is being played.

B. Insurance:

1. The Community may, at its discretion, allow a player to elect to place an insurance wager. A player may elect to place an insurance wager anytime the first card dealt to the dealer is an ace.
2. The Community shall promulgate rules specifically governing the placing of insurance wagers. Such rules shall be made available to any player upon request. The basic rules governing the placing of insurance wagers shall be conspicuously posted at the location where blackjack is being played.

C. Doubling Down:

1. The Community may, at its discretion, allow a player to double down. Doubling down allows the player the option of making an additional wager not in excess of his original wager after the first two cards have been dealt to him, and to make such an additional wager on any first two cards of any split pair.
2. The Community shall promulgate rules specifically governing the placing of double down wagers. Such rules shall be made available to any player upon request. The basic rules governing doubling down shall be conspicuously posted at the location where blackjack is being played.

D. Splitting Pairs:

1. The Community may, at its discretion, allow a player to elect to split pairs. Splitting pairs allows a player who has been dealt two cards identical in value may elect to split the single hand into two separate hands provided that the player makes a wager on the separately formed second hand equal to the value of the original wager.
2. The Community shall promulgate rules specifically governing the splitting of pairs. Such rules shall be made available to any player upon request. The basic rules governing the splitting of pairs shall be conspicuously posted at the location where blackjack is being played.

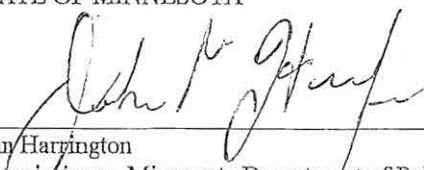
5. Section 4.5(13) is deleted and replaced with the following new Section 4.5(9)E:

E. Propositional Wagers/Side Bets:


1. The Community may, at its discretion, allow a player to elect to place a side bet wager so long as the wager does not affect the normal play of a hand. The player must have placed a regular blackjack wager in order to elect to place a side bet wager.

2. The Community shall promulgate rules specifically governing side bet wagers. Such rules shall be made available to any player upon request. The basic rules governing the play of side bet wagers shall be conspicuously posted at the location where blackjack is being played.


6. The numbering in the current Sections 4.5(14) Drawing of Additional Cards by Players and Dealers through 4.5(18) Staffing & Surveillance Requirements is changed to 4.5(10) Drawing of Additional Cards by Players and Dealers through 4.5(14) Staffing & Surveillance Requirements, with the provisions remaining the same from a substantive perspective.

Dated: 08/26/2021
STATE OF MINNESOTA


John Harrington
Commissioner, Minnesota Department of Public
Safety

Dated: 6-18-21
SHAKOPEE MDEWAKANTON SIOUX
COMMUNITY


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Chairman



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Date