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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY Washington, D.C. 20240

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Honorable Phillip Martin Tribal Chief Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians P.O. Box 6010 - Choctaw Branch Philadelphia, Mississippi 39350

Dear Chief Martin:

On June 4, 1996, we received Amendment II to the Tribal-State Compact for Regulation of Class III Gaming between the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians (Tribe) and the State of Mississippi (State), dated May 24, 1996. 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 the 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 success in their economic venture.

Sincerely,

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Ada E. Deer Assistant Secretary - Indian Affairs

Enclosures

Identical letter sent to: Honorable Kirk Fordice Governor of Mississippi P.O. Box 139 Jackson, Mississippi 39205

TRIBAL/STATE COMPACT FOR REGULATION OF CLASS III GAMING ON THE MISSISSIPPI BAND OF CHOCTAW INDIAN RESERVATION IN MISSISSIPPI

AMENDMENT NO. 2

<u>WHEREAS</u>, the State of Mississippi and the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians have entered into a Compact to govern the conduct of gaming on the Tribe's reservation as prescribed by the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act, Public Law 100-497, 102 Stat. 2467, 25 USC Sections 2701 to 2721, on December 4, 1992, and

<u>WHEREAS</u>, the Compact allows for "request for renegotiations" at <u>Section 16</u> <u>Amendments</u>, and

<u>WHEREAS</u>, the Tribal Council acting through the Tribal Chief has requested an amendment to <u>Section 7.6(2)</u> of the Compact due to changing conditions of the tribal economy. Gaming revenues have proven to be sufficient to meet the business needs of the casino and are currently being used to fund many essential governmental functions of the Tribe, thereforth be it

<u>RESOLVED</u> that the Governor of the State of Mississippi and the Tribal Chief do hereby enter into the following Amendment of the <u>TRIBAL/STATE COMPACT</u>. The requested amendment to this Section removes the restrictions placed on Class III Net Revenues by including the following substituted language:

Section 7.6(2) <u>Class III Net Revenues</u> Per capita payments may be made to individual tribal members in an amount not to exceed one thousand and no/100 (\$1,000.00) per year by the authority of, and in accordance with, an ordinance and regulations duly adopted by the Tribal Council, and with a Revenue Allocation Plan approved by the Bureau of Indian Affairs, U.S. Department of Interior, if required or the equivalent thereof.

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

KIRK FORDICE, GOVERNOR

DATE:

MISSISSIPPI BAND OF CHOCTAW INDIANS

PHILIP

DATE: <u>5/17/96</u>

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FRANK STEVE, SECRETARY-TREASURER

DATE: 5-33-76

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