

## United States Department of the Interior

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY Washington, D.C. 20240

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Honorable Carl Venne Chairman, Crow Tribe P. O. Box 159 Crow Agency, Montana 59022

Dear Chairman Venne:

On December 31, 2002, we received the Amendment to the Class III gaming compact between the Crow Tribe (Tribe) and the State of Montana (State). We have completed our review of this Amendment and conclude that is 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. This 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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Enclosure

Identical Letter Sent to:

Honorable Judy Martz Governor of Montana State Capital Helena, Montana 59620

## THIRD AMENDMENT TO AND EXTENSION OF THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CROW TRIBE OF MONTANA AND THE STATE OF MONTANA CONCERNING CLASS III GAMING

This document is the third amendment to the "Agreement Between the Crow Indian Tribe of Montana and the State of Montana Concerning Class III Gaming" (hereafter, "Agreement") approved by the Secretary of the Interior on June 12, 1998, and executed by the Tribe and the State on March 11, 1998 and March 19, 1998 respectively. The parties hereby agree to extend the term of the current Agreement to March 19, 2004, for purposes of engaging in good faith negotiations during this time without any lapse in gaming. Further, the parties agree to allow the Tribe to offer video gaming machine maximum payouts of \$1500, and to offer for play video gaming machines that offer more than one game on one machine, and that have coin hopper/thermal printer configuration. Other than as expressly amended herein, the original Agreement remains in full force and effect.

Pursuant to Article XI.B of the Agreement generally providing for amendment in writing and with the consent of both parties, the Agreement is hereby amended in part as follows:

1. Section XI. MISCELLANEOUS TERMS, SECTION A., is amended to extend the term of the Agreement to March 19, 2004. All other terms of Section XI. Section A. remain the same.

2. Appendix A. VIDEO GAMBLING MACHINES, SECTION I. <u>DEFINITIONS</u>, paragraph D. is amended in part to read a follows:

D. "Video gambling machine" means a bingo machine, draw poker machine or a keno machine or any combination of poker, keno and bingo games within the same video gambling machine cabinet if the video gambling machine is capable of being connected to the automated accounting and reporting system provided in 23-5-637 MCA.

3. Appendix A. VIDEO GAMBLING MACHINES, SECTION II. <u>CONDITIONS</u>, 1s amended in part to read a follows:

- A. Prizes may be awarded only in the form of free games, credits, or cash. A prize may not exceed the value of \$1,500 for each individual award.
- B. Video gambling machines within tribal premises may be connected in a progressive banc provided the prize limit for the progressive banc does not exceed \$1,500.

4. Appendix A. VIDEO GAMBLING MACHINES, SECTION <u>II.CONDITIONS</u>, subsection II.E. (1) (d) (vii) (Second Amendment) is amended in part to read a follows:

- (vii) the machine must:
  - A) utilize a coin drop hopper and be monitored by a game transaction management/reporting system of the type described in paragraph (1) (d) (xi) (A); or
  - B) utilize a coin drop hopper in combination with a ticket printer to print a valid ticket voucher for any credits over the maximum dispensed from the coin hopper. The ticket printer must also be capable of printing all applicable accounting information required by the State per subsection IIE (1) (d) (xi) (A) (1) through (7).
  - C) have no coin drop hopper and be capable of printing a ticket voucher for all credits owed the player at the completion of each game, in which event a valid ticket must contain the following:
    - (1) the name of the licensed establishment;
    - (2) the name of the city or town or county in which the licensed establishment is located;
    - (3) the machine serial number;
    - (4) the time of day in hours and minutes in a 24-hour format;
    - (5) the current date;
    - (6) the program name and revision;
    - (7) the value of the prize in numbers;
    - (8) the value of the prize in words;
    - (9) the sequential ticket number of the ticket voucher;

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All other terms and conditions of the Agreement remain in full force and effect and shall govern the conditions of Class III gaming on the Reservation until March 19, 2004, or until a revised or new compact has been executed by the parties, whichever first occurs.

Montana and the Tribe indicate their consent to be bound to this Extension and Amendment by signature of their authorized representatives below.

**CROW TRIBE** 

Carl Venne, Chairman

STATE OF MONTANA

JUDY MARTZ Governor

Approved Pursuant to Montana Code Annotated § 18-11-105 (2001).

MIKE McGRATH, Attorney General State of Montana

APPROVED: DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

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