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Honorable Carl Venne
Chairman, Crow Tribe of Montana
P. O. Box 400
Crow Agency, Montana 59022

Dear Chairman Venne:

On March 1, 2004, we received the Fourth Amendment to and Extension of the Class III Gaming Compact between the Crow Tribe of Montana (Tribe) and the State of Montana (State). We have completed our review of this Extension 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 Extension. This Extension 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,

Aurene M. Martin
Acting Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs

Enclosure

Similar Letter Sent to: Honorable Judy Martz
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cc: Rocky Mountain Regional Director
National Indian Gaming Commission
Montana United States Attorney

FOURTH 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 fourth 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 have previously extended the Agreement to March 19, 2004 with the third amendment approved by the Secretary of the Interior on February 12, 2003. The parties hereby agree to extend the term of the current Agreement to June 1, 2004, for purposes of engaging in good faith negotiations during this time without any lapse in gaming.

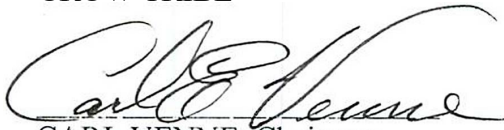
Pursuant to Article XI.B of the Agreement generally providing for amendment in writing and with the consent of both parties, the Agreement is hereby amended in part as follows:

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

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 June 1, 2004, or until a revised or new compact has been executed by the parties.

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 (2003)



MIKE McGRATH, Attorney General
State of Montana

APPROVED:
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

BY  DATED March 18, 2004
for DAVID ANDERSON, Assistant Secretary--Bureau of Indian Affairs