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Honorable Ray K. Eder  
Chairman, Assiniboine and Sioux Tribes  
of the Fort Peck Reservation  
P. O. Box 1027  
Poplar, Montana 59255

Dear Chairman Eder:

On June 17, 2004, we received the Extension of Agreement between the Assiniboine and Sioux Tribes of the Fort Peck Reservation (Tribe) and the State of Montana (State) regarding the Tribal – State Compact for Class III gaming. 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,

Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs

Enclosure

Similar Letter Sent to: Honorable Judy Martz  
Governor of Montana  
State Capital  
Helena, Montana 59620

cc: Rocky Mountain Regional Director  
National Indian Gaming Commission  
Montana United States Attorney

**EXTENSION OF AGREEMENT  
BETWEEN THE ASSINIBOINE AND SIOUX TRIBES OF THE FORT PECK  
RESERVATION AND THE STATE OF MONTANA REGARDING  
CLASS III GAMING ON THE FORT PECK RESERVATION**

**RECITALS**

The State of Montana ("Montana") and the Assiniboiné and Sioux Tribes of the Fort Peck Reservation ("Tribes") entered into an Agreement ("Agreement") dated April 6, 1992, to authorize under specific conditions Class III gaming on the Fort Peck Reservation. The Tribes and the State are continuing their good faith negotiations to agree on terms and conditions for another long-term compact.

To enable the Tribes and the State regulated operators to continue gaming on the Reservation pursuant to the existing Agreement while the parties continue to negotiate, the parties hereby agree to extend the Agreement until July 1, 2005, or until another compact is executed on the terms and conditions set forth in the existing compact between the parties as specifically amended herein. This Extension is entered into in recognition of the purposes of economic self-determination for Indian tribes as set forth in the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act, and in furtherance of Montana Governor Judy Martz's Proclamation affirming the principle and integrity of government-to-government relationships between the State of Montana and federally-recognized tribes located within the borders of Montana.

**AGREEMENT**

In furtherance of good relations and mutual cooperation between the parties, the parties hereby amend the Agreement pursuant to Art. VIII, ¶ B as follows:

1. Article VIII. A., "Effective Date and Term," of the existing Agreement as previously amended, is hereby amended to read as follows:

This Agreement shall be effective upon execution, and shall continue in effect until July 1, 2005 or until another compact is executed unless earlier terminated in accordance with Article VII. Before expiration of this Agreement or upon its termination, the parties may agree to the renewal of the Agreement for a term agreed upon by the parties.


All terms and conditions of the Agreement not expressly modified herein remain in full force and effect and shall govern the conditions of Class III gaming on the Reservation until July 1, 2005.

Montana and the Tribes indicate their consent to be bound to this Renewal by signature of their authorized representatives below.

ASSINIBOINE AND SIOUX TRIBES OF THE FORT PECK RESERVATION

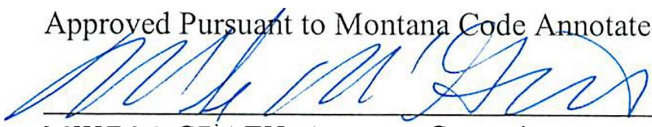
  
RAY K. EDER, Vice-Chairman

DATE 6-13-04

STATE OF MONTANA  
  
JUDY MARTZ, Governor


DATE 6-8-04

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

  
MIKE McGRATH, Attorney General  
State of Montana

DATE 6/7/04

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

BY   
DAVID ANDERSON, Assistant Secretary--Bureau of Indian Affairs  
Principal Deputy

DATE June 24, 2004