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The Honorable Faron Jackson Sr.
Chairman, Minnesota Chippewa Tribe,
Minnesota – Leech Lake Band
190 Sailstar Drive
Cass Lake, Minnesota 56633

Dear Chairman Jackson:

On November 6, 2023, the Office of Indian Gaming received an Addendum (Amendment) to the Tribal-State Compact for Control of Class III Blackjack between the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe, Minnesota – Leech Lake Band (Tribe) and the State of Minnesota (Compact) for review and approval. The Amendment updates the Compact to allow for the placement of propositional wagers and side-bets and makes other non-substantive changes within Section 4.5 of the Compact.

We have 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 notice of this approval is published in the *Federal Register*, as required by 25 U.S.C. § 2710(d)(8)(D).

A similar letter is being sent to the Honorable Tim Walz, Governor, State of Minnesota.

Sincerely,

Bryan Newland
Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs

Enclosure

THIRD AMENDMENT TO THE
TECHNICAL STANDARDS OF THE
TRIBAL-STATE COMPACT FOR CONTROL OF
CLASS III BLACKJACK ON THE LEECH LAKE RESERVATION
IN MINNESOTA

Pursuant to Section 7 of the Tribal-State Compact for Control of Class III Blackjack on the Leech Lake Indian Reservation in Minnesota (the "Compact"), the State of Minnesota, by and through its Commissioner of Public Safety, and the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe (the "Band") 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 Band may, at its discretion, allow a player to elect to surrender. A surrender allows the player to discontinue play on their hand for that round by surrendering one half of their wager after the first two cards are dealt to the player and the player's point total is announced
2. The Band 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 Band 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 Band 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 Band 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 the player's original wager after the first two cards have been dealt to the player, and to make such an additional wager on any first two cards of any split pair.
2. The Band 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 Band 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 opportunity 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.e The Band shall promulgate rules specifically governing the splitting of e pairs. Such rules shall be made available to any player upon request.e The basic rules governing the splitting of pairs shall be conspicuouslye posted at the location where blackjack is being played.e

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


E.e Propositional Wagers / Side Bets:e

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

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


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

Dated: 10/16/23
State of Minnesota



Bob Jacobson
Commissioner, Minnesota Department
of Public Safety


Dated: 9/14/23
Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe



Faron Jackson, Sr.
Chairman

APPROVED

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Date