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The Honorable Tracey Hopkins
Chairwoman, Picayune Rancheria of
Chukchansi Indians of California
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Dear Chairwoman Hopkins:

On October 14, 2025, the Office of Indian Gaming received for review and approval the Fourth Amendment to the Tribal-State Compact Between the State of California and the Picayune Rancheria of Chukchansi Indians of California (Amendment). The Amendment extends the compact until December 31, 2026, and adds Appendix C which permits off-track wagering.

Under the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (IGRA), the Secretary of the Interior (Secretary) may approve or disapprove a compact within 45 days of its submission. 25 U.S.C. § 2710(d)(8). If the Secretary does not affirmatively approve or disapprove the compact within 45 days, IGRA provides that the compact is considered to have been approved by the Secretary by operation of law, “but only to the extent that the compact is consistent with the provisions of [IGRA].” *Id.*

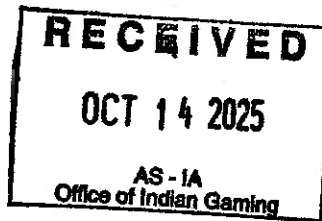
We undertook a thorough review of the Amendment. No action was taken on the Amendment within 45 days of its submission. As a result, the Amendment is “considered to have been approved by the Secretary, but only to the extent [it] is consistent with the provisions of [IGRA].” *Id.* The Amendment takes effect when notice of 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 Gavin Newsom, Governor of California.

Sincerely,

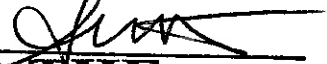
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FOURTH AMENDMENT TO THE

TRIBAL-STATE COMPACT

BETWEEN

THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

AND THE

PICAYUNE RANCHERIA OF

CHUKCHANSI INDIANS OF

CALIFORNIA

**FOURTH AMENDMENT TO THE TRIBAL-STATE COMPACT
BETWEEN THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
AND THE PICAYUNE RANCHERIA OF CHUKCHANSI INDIANS OF
CALIFORNIA TO EXTEND THE COMPACT TERM AND ADD
APPENDIX C TO THE COMPACT**

WHEREAS, the State of California (State) and the Picayune Rancheria of Chukchansi Indians of California (Tribe) entered into a class III gaming compact on September 10, 1999 (1999 Compact); and

WHEREAS, the State and the Tribe, on October 8, 1999, modified the terms of the 1999 Compact by Addendum "A" to Tribal-State Gaming Compact Between the Chukchansi Indians and the State of California (Addendum A); and

WHEREAS, the 1999 Compact took effect on May 16, 2000, upon publication of notice in the Federal Register that the Secretary of the United States Department of the Interior (Secretary) had approved the 1999 Compact as modified by Addendum A (65 Fed. Reg. 31189 (May 16, 2000)); and

WHEREAS, the 1999 Compact authorizes the Tribe to operate specified Gaming Activities, as provided therein, pursuant to the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act, 18 U.S.C. §§ 1166-1168, 25 U.S.C. § 2701 et seq. (IGRA); and

WHEREAS, section 11.2.1, subdivision (a) of the 1999 Compact as modified by Addendum A, Modification No. 4, reads as follows:

Once effective this Compact shall be in full force and effect for state law purposes until December 31, 2020. No sooner than eighteen (18) months prior to the aforementioned termination date, either party may request the other party to enter into negotiations to extend this Compact or to enter into a new compact. If the parties have not agreed to extend the date of this Compact or entered into a new compact by the termination date, this Compact will automatically be extended to June 30, 2022, unless the parties have agreed to an earlier termination date.

and

WHEREAS, under the terms of Addendum A, section 11.2.1, subdivision (a), the termination date of the 1999 Compact was extended to June 30, 2022; and

WHEREAS, on May 11, 2022, the Tribe and the State executed the Amendment to the Tribal-State Compact Between the State of California and the Picayune Rancheria of Chukchansi Indians of California (First Extension) extending the termination date of the 1999 Compact to December 31, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe and the State subsequently executed the Second Amendment to the Tribal-State Compact Between the State of California and the Picayune Rancheria of Chukchansi Indians of California (Second Extension) further extending its term to December 31, 2024, and

WHEREAS, the Tribe and the State subsequently executed the Third Amendment to the Tribal-State Compact Between the State of California and the Picayune Rancheria of Chukchansi Indians of California (Third Extension) further extending its term to December 31, 2025, and

WHEREAS, the Tribe and the State have agreed to execute this Fourth Amendment to the Tribal-State Compact Between the State of California and the Picayune Rancheria of Chukchansi Indians of California further extending its expiration date to December 31, 2026 in order to extend the term that the Tribe may continue operating class III gaming on its Indian lands and

WHEREAS, the Tribe desires to offer for play in its existing gaming facilities off-track satellite wagering on various horse racing and other similar events; and

WHEREAS, section 4.1, subdivision (e), of the 1999 Compact permits the Tribe and the State to negotiate an agreement governing the conduct of off-track satellite wagering at the Tribe's Gaming Facility; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe and the State have agreed on terms governing the conduct of off-track satellite wagering at the Tribe's Gaming Facility as described on Appendix C, attached hereto; and

WHEREAS, this Fourth Amendment is not intended by the Tribe and the State to change any terms of the 1999 Compact except for extending the termination date provided in section 11.2.1, subdivision (a), as amended by the First, Second, and Third Extensions and adding Appendix C pursuant to section 4.1, subdivision (e); and

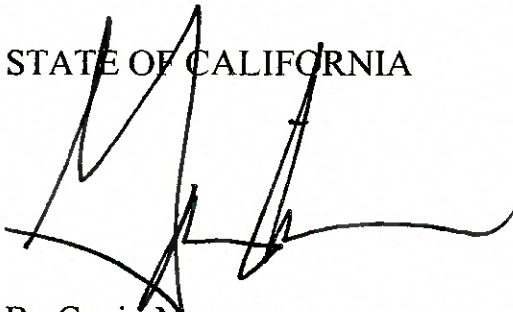
WHEREAS, nothing in this Fourth Amendment, the 1999 Compact, or the First, Second or Third Extensions shall preclude the State and the Tribe from entering into another amendment to further extend the date in section 11.2.1, subdivision (a) of the 1999 Compact.

NOW, THEREFORE, the State and the Tribe, for good and valuable consideration, including their mutual intent to maintain the 1999 Compact, hereby agree to add Appendix C, attached hereto, to the 1999 Compact pursuant to section 4.1, subdivision (e) and further agree that the first sentence of section 11.2.1, subdivision (a) of the 1999 Compact, as amended by the First, Second, and Third Extensions, is repealed and replaced by the following:

Sec. 11.2.1. Effective. (a) Once effective this Compact shall be in full force and effect for state law purposes until December 31, 2026.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned sign this amendment to extend the term of the 1999 Compact and add Appendix C to the 1999 Compact on behalf of the State of California and the Tribe.

STATE OF CALIFORNIA



By Gavin Newsom
Governor of the State of California

PICAYUNE RANCHERIA OF
CHUKCHANSI INDIANS OF
CALIFORNIA

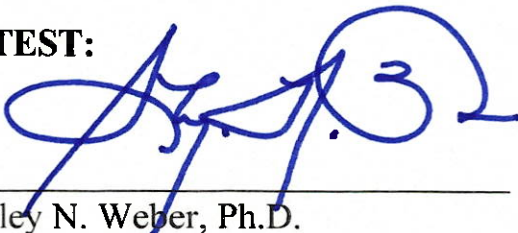


By Tracey Hopkins
Chairperson for the Picayune Rancheria
of Chukchansi Indians of California

Executed this 4th day of June,
2025, at Sacramento, California

Executed this 20th day of May,
2025, at Coarsegold,
California

ATTEST:



Shirley N. Weber, Ph.D.
Secretary of State, State of California



APPENDIX C

Off-Track Satellite Wagering

WHEREAS, the State of California (State) permits and regulates pari-mutuel wagering on horse racing (also known as off-track wagering) at authorized satellite wagering facilities (also known as simulcast wagering facilities) at various locations within the State, under the terms of California Business and Professions Code section 19400 et seq. (California Horse Racing Law); and

WHEREAS, the California Horse Racing Board (Board) is the agency established under California state law to administer and enforce all laws, rules, and regulations affecting horse racing and pari-mutuel wagering within the state and has enacted regulations that appear at title 4, division 4 of the California Code of Regulations, regulating the conduct of pari-mutuel and simulcast wagering on the results of horse races (Board Rules and Regulations); and

WHEREAS, operation of a satellite wagering facility is a Class III Gaming activity under IGRA; and

WHEREAS, the Picayune Rancheria of the Chukchansi Indians (Tribe) has duly enacted its Gaming Ordinance, which permits Class III Gaming on and within the Tribe's Indian lands if conducted in conformity with an applicable tribal-state compact; and

WHEREAS, section 3.0, subdivision (a), of the Compact authorizes and permits the Tribe to offer off-track wagering on horse races at a satellite wagering facility pursuant to the requirements of this Appendix; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe and the State each recognize the sovereign authority and interests of the other in regulating gaming activities within their respective areas of jurisdiction and in ensuring that off-track wagering on horse races is conducted fairly, honestly, professionally and in a manner that promotes the California horse racing industry.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual promises set forth herein, the Tribe and the State agree as follows:

Sec. 1.0. Definitions.

Except where the context otherwise requires, the terms employed in this Appendix shall have the same meanings ascribed to them in the California Horse

Racing Law, the Board Rules and Regulations, and in the Compact, as they may be modified or amended from time to time during the term of the Compact.

Whenever reference to the Compact is made in this Appendix, that reference shall be understood to also include any Class III Gaming compact between the Tribe and the State to amend or replace the Compact that may hereafter be entered into and that is in effect. A satellite wagering machine is a device used solely to conduct off-track wagering on horse races authorized by this Appendix, and such a machine shall not be treated as a Gaming Device as defined in the Compact, including for the purpose of calculating the number of Gaming Devices operated by the Tribe under the Compact.

Sec. 2.0. Purpose.

The purpose of this Appendix is to establish and declare the terms upon which off-track wagering in a satellite wagering facility may be established and operated by the Tribe in its Gaming Facility as a means of developing self-sufficiency and generating additional revenues necessary to provide tribal services and programs, while providing the State and the Tribe with an effective means of regulating such activities in accordance with IGRA.

Sec. 3.0. Authorization to Operate Satellite Wagering Facility.

The Tribe is authorized to establish and operate off-track wagering on horse races in a satellite wagering facility (Satellite Facility) upon the Tribe's Indian lands within its Gaming Facility, provided that the Tribe completes and submits to the Board an Application for Authorization to Operate a Simulcast Wagering Facility (Form CHRB-25, or such form as may be revised), and such Satellite Facility is operated in conformity with IGRA, this Appendix, and the Compact. To the extent there may be provisions in the Compact that are in conflict with provisions in the California Horse Racing Law or the Board Rules and Regulations that are specific to the conduct of off-track wagering on horse races at a satellite wagering facility, the California Horse Racing Law and the Board Rules and Regulations, and the terms of this Appendix, shall control.

- (a) Satellite Facility. For purposes of this Appendix, a site within a Gaming Facility authorized under Compact section 4.2, which shall be clearly demarcated, shall be approved as the Tribe's Satellite Facility, provided that, upon inspection by the Board, the Board finds that the Satellite Facility complies with the substantive requirements of the California Horse Racing Law and the Board Rules and Regulations. References to the Satellite Facility in this Appendix shall refer only to

the portion of the Gaming Facility that has been demarcated as the Satellite Facility and shall not refer to any other portion of the Gaming Facility.

- (b) Continuing Obligation to Maintain Satellite Facility. The Tribe agrees to maintain its Satellite Facility in a manner that complies with all applicable satellite wagering facility requirements made applicable by this Appendix at all times; provided, however, that the Tribe retains sole discretion to cease operation of the Satellite Facility.
- (c) Except as provided in this Appendix, no prohibition upon, or regulation of, the establishment or operation of the Satellite Facility will be imposed upon the Tribe by the State.

Sec. 4.0. Agreements with Satellite Operating Organizations.

In order to permit the conduct of off-track wagering on horse races through intrastate satellite wagering and out-of-state satellite wagering at the Satellite Facility, the Tribe is hereby authorized to enter into agreements with any satellite operating organization that is established pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 19608.2, subdivision (a) or other provision of the California Horse Racing Law or the Board's Rules and Regulations, and which organization provides the audiovisual signal of, and operates satellite wagering on, racing events authorized to be received in the northern zone. No such satellite operating organization shall refuse to enter into such an agreement with the Tribe on the ground that the Tribe is not an entity eligible to be authorized to operate a satellite wagering facility under state law, or that the proposed agreement with the Tribe is otherwise inconsistent with any other provision of state law, or with the Board Rules and Regulations, as long as the proposed agreement between the Tribe and the satellite operating organization complies with federal law and with the terms of this Appendix. A copy of any such agreement entered into by the Tribe shall be provided to the Board at the location of the Board's headquarters within thirty (30) days after its execution. Except as herein provided, nothing in this Appendix is intended to alter in any way the rights of the satellite operating organization under state law.

Sec. 5.0. Distribution of Handle.

- (a) (1) Generally. The amounts deducted from pari-mutuel wagers at the Satellite Facility, and the distribution of such amounts, shall

be the same as those provided for under the California Horse Racing Law and the Board Rules and Regulations for satellite wagering facilities, other than fairs, in the southern zone.

- (2) State License Fee. In the event that during the term of the Compact, California law is amended to authorize the State to collect a state license fee, or a fee equivalent thereto, from the wagers placed at the Satellite Facility, the Tribe and the State shall promptly meet and confer as to whether that state license fee may be imposed on the Tribe under federal law. Any dispute as to this issue shall be resolved under the dispute resolutions provisions of section 13.0 of the Compact.

(b) Additional Provisions for Purposes of Business and Professions Code Section 19605.7.

- (1) The Tribe and the satellite operating organization may agree between them and may specify by incorporating into the agreement described in this Appendix, section 4.0, how the percentages of the handle specified in Business and Professions Code section 19605.7, subdivision (c), and designated for promotion of the program at the Satellite Facility, shall be distributed and expended; and
- (2) The Tribe shall be deemed to be the equivalent of the county, and entitled to the 0.33% of the handle distributed to the local government within which the Satellite Facility is located, as specified in Business and Professions Code section 19605.7, subdivision (d), and the Tribe shall receive that distribution instead of Madera County.

Sec. 6.0. Right of Entry.

The Tribe hereby grants the Board a right of entry onto the Tribe's land solely for purposes of inspecting its Satellite Facility and monitoring compliance with this Appendix. Such inspection or other site visits shall be conducted by the Board in accordance with the same schedules, policies, and procedures that the Board customarily applies to satellite wagering facilities licensed under state law. Except when entering, leaving, or remaining in the public areas of the Satellite Facility during normal operating hours, Board members or personnel shall notify the Tribal Gaming Agency, as defined in the Compact, when they seek access to

the restricted (i.e., non-public) areas of the Satellite Facility. Inspections of the non-public areas of the Satellite Facility and inspections, copying, and maintenance of papers, books and records, which shall remain the property of the Tribe, shall be conducted in accordance with the Compact. Nothing in this Appendix shall preclude the State Gaming Agency, as defined in the Compact, from entry into the Satellite Facility to carry out all activities, rights, and duties provided to the State Gaming Agency by the Compact.

Sec. 7.0. Concurrent Tribal Authority.

Nothing contained herein shall operate to preclude the Tribe from exercising such additional and concurrent regulatory authority as it may otherwise possess over the Gaming Activities authorized under this Appendix; provided, however, that any regulatory authority exercised by the Tribe over the Gaming Activities authorized in this Appendix shall be no less stringent than that which the Board would exercise over off-track wagering on horse races at satellite wagering facilities approved under state law.

Sec. 8.0. Consent Under Interstate Horse Racing Act.

To the extent that acceptance of interstate off-track wagers on horse races is authorized by California state law and the Board, the execution of the Compact by the State shall constitute consent to acceptance of interstate off-track wagers by the satellite operating organization at the Satellite Facility, as required under 15 U.S.C. § 3004(a)(3). Either the State, or the Board or its successor, if requested, shall acknowledge in writing the consent given herein.

Sec. 9.0. Licenses Generally.

Subject to compliance with the terms of this Appendix, the Tribe shall not be required to obtain or possess a license from the Board in order to establish and operate a satellite wagering facility within its Gaming Facility, and shall not be required to obtain any other license under state law in connection with its operation of its Satellite Facility, except as may be required under the Compact.

Sec. 10.0. Licensing of Employees.

- (a) Administrative and managerial personnel who exercise control over other persons licensed by the Board or the operation of satellite wagering, or whose duties routinely require access to restricted areas of the Satellite Facility, and clerical and other employees employed in a restricted area of the Satellite Facility, shall hold a valid license

issued by the Board, if the person is required to be licensed pursuant to section 1481 of the Board Rules and Regulations; provided that this requirement shall not apply to tribal public safety officers and security personnel of the Gaming Facility who regularly patrol the Satellite Facility in the course of performing their normal, assigned duties, but who are not assigned to remain therein continuously; and provided further that for the purposes of this Appendix, the restricted area of the Satellite Facility shall mean those areas within the Satellite Facility where admission can be obtained only upon presentation of authorized credentials or proper license, including those areas designated as the pari-mutuel department.

- (b) If required by any of the Tribe's ordinances, regulations, or rules, every person employed at the Satellite Facility on the Tribe's Indian lands shall:
 - (1) Hold a valid license issued by the Tribal Gaming Agency; or
 - (2) Be approved by the Tribal Gaming Agency for such employment.

Sec. 11.0. Security Control Over Satellite Facility.

The Tribe shall maintain such security controls over its Satellite Facility and premises, including the presence of licensed security personnel, as the Board's Chief Investigator shall direct; and shall remove, deny access to, eject, or exclude persons whose presence within the Satellite Facility is inimical to the interests of the State as provided by sections 1980 and 1989 of the Board Rules and Regulations, or to the interests of the Tribe in operating an honest, legitimate satellite facility. Persons prohibited from wagering or excluded from the Satellite Facility pursuant to sections 1980 through 1989 of the Rules and Regulations shall have the right to a hearing thereon pursuant to the Board Rules and Regulations, and the Tribe shall abide by the Board's decision following such hearing; however, nothing in this section shall affect the Tribe's power to exclude or remove persons from the Tribe's land, Gaming Facility, or Satellite Facility pursuant to federal law and the Tribe's laws, regulations, rules, or policies.

Sec. 12.0. Civil Regulation.

- (a) Generally. Except as modified by this Appendix, and except to the extent that they are in conflict with federal law, all provisions of the California Constitution and all provisions of California Horse Racing

Law that specifically and directly pertain to the conduct of off-track wagering on horse races at a satellite wagering facility, and all rules, regulations, policies, and regulatory and enforcement practices of the Board or its successor, which are now in existence or which may hereafter be enacted, adopted or from time to time amended, and that apply generally to satellite wagering facilities within the State, are hereby incorporated into this Appendix and shall be applicable to the Satellite Facility authorized by this Appendix to the same extent and in the same manner as they apply to satellite wagering facilities in operation within the state generally.

- (b) Non-Discrimination in Enforcement. In exercising the regulatory enforcement authority granted herein, such authority and the application of the Board Rules and Regulations and procedures shall not be exercised by the Board in a manner that discriminates against the Tribe or is more stringent than that applied to state-licensed satellite wagering facilities in operation within the State generally.

Sec. 13.0. Suitability Standard Regarding Licensing. It is the Tribe's and the State's intent that the licensing of persons, entities, and financial sources directly providing services or materials to the Tribe's Satellite Facility shall involve joint cooperation between the Tribal Gaming Agency and the Board. Except as modified by this Appendix, the Tribe agrees to comply with all licensing requirements, procedures, and standards relevant to satellite wagering facilities that are set forth in the California Horse Racing Law and the Board's Rules and Regulations.

Sec. 14.0. Governing Law. This Appendix shall be governed by and construed in accordance with federal law (including but not limited to IGRA) and the laws of the State of California to the extent those laws are not inconsistent with federal law; provided, however, that provisions of state laws and regulations expressly incorporated into this Appendix shall be construed in accordance with the laws of the State of California.

State of California

GOVERNMENT CODE

Section 12012.25

12012.25. (a) The following tribal-state gaming compacts entered into in accordance with the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act of 1988 (18 U.S.C. Sec. 1166 to 1168, incl., and 25 U.S.C. Sec. 2701 et seq.) are hereby ratified:

(1) The compact between the State of California and the Alturas Rancheria, executed on September 10, 1999.

(2) The compact between the State of California and the Barona Band of Mission Indians, executed on September 10, 1999.

(3) The compact between the State of California and the Big Sandy Rancheria Band of Mono Indians, executed on September 10, 1999.

(4) The compact between the State of California and the Big Valley Rancheria, executed on September 10, 1999.

(5) The compact between the State of California and the Bishop Paiute Tribe, executed on September 10, 1999.

(6) The compact between the State of California and the Blue Lake Rancheria, executed on September 10, 1999.

(7) The compact between the State of California and the Buena Vista Band of Me-wuk Indians, executed on September 10, 1999.

(8) The compact between the State of California and the Cabazon Band of Mission Indians, executed on September 10, 1999.

(9) The compact between the State of California and the Cahto Tribe of Laytonville, executed on September 10, 1999.

(10) The compact between the State of California and the Cahuilla Band of Mission Indians, executed on September 10, 1999.

(11) The compact between the State of California and the Campo Band of Mission Indians, executed on September 10, 1999.

(12) The compact between the State of California and the Chemehuevi Indian Tribe, executed on September 10, 1999.

(13) The compact between the State of California and the Chicken Ranch Rancheria, executed on September 10, 1999.

(14) The compact between the State of California and the Coast Indian Community of the Resighini Rancheria, executed on September 10, 1999.

(15) The compact between the State of California and the Colusa Indian Community, executed on September 10, 1999.

(16) The compact between the State of California and the Dry Creek Rancheria Band of Pomo Indians, executed on September 10, 1999.

(39) The compact between the State of California and the San Manuel Band of Mission Indians, executed on September 10, 1999.

(40) The compact between the State of California and the San Pasqual Band of Mission Indians, executed on September 10, 1999.

(41) The compact between the State of California and the Santa Rosa Rancheria Tachi Tribe, executed on September 10, 1999.

(42) The compact between the State of California and the Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians, executed on September 10, 1999.

(43) The compact between the State of California and the Sherwood Valley Rancheria Band of Pomo Indians, executed on September 10, 1999.

(44) The compact between the State of California and the Shingle Springs Band of Miwok Indians, executed on September 10, 1999.

(45) The compact between the State of California and the Smith River Rancheria, executed on September 10, 1999.

(46) The compact between the State of California and the Soboba Band of Mission Indians, executed on September 10, 1999.

(47) The compact between the State of California and the Susanville Indian Rancheria, executed on September 10, 1999.

(48) The compact between the State of California and the Sycuan Band of Kumeyaay Indians, executed on September 10, 1999.

(49) The compact between the State of California and the Table Mountain Rancheria, executed on September 10, 1999.

(50) The compact between the State of California and the Trinidad Rancheria, executed on September 10, 1999.

(51) The compact between the State of California and the Tule River Indian Tribe, executed on September 10, 1999.

(52) The compact between the State of California and the Tuolumne Band of Me-wuk Indians, executed on September 10, 1999.

(53) The compact between the State of California and the Twenty-Nine Palms Band of Mission Indians, executed on September 10, 1999.

(54) The compact between the State of California and the Tyme Maidu Tribe, Berry Creek Rancheria, executed on September 10, 1999.

(55) The compact between the State of California and the United Auburn Indian Community, executed on September 10, 1999.

(56) The compact between the State of California and the Viejas Band of Kumeyaay Indians, executed on September 10, 1999.

(57) The compact between the State of California and the Coyote Valley Band of Pomo Indians, executed on September 10, 1999.

(b) Any other tribal-state gaming compact entered into between the State of California and a federally recognized Indian tribe which is executed after September 10, 1999, is hereby ratified if both of the following are true:

(1) The compact is identical in all material respects to any of the compacts expressly ratified pursuant to subdivision (a). A compact shall be deemed to be materially