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## **COMMISSION ORDER NO: 2017-002**

### **Extension of Casino Live Training Facility**

For good cause determined at the April 20, 2017 public meeting of the Commonwealth Casino Commission, which was duly publicly noticed, and based on the authority granted by the laws of the Commonwealth (including but not limited to Public Laws 18-56 and 19-24) and the Regulations of the Commonwealth Casino Commission, NMIAC Chapter 175-10.1, the Commonwealth Casino Commission hereby finds and ORDERS AS FOLLOWS:

1. Part 800 of the Regulations of the Commonwealth Casino Commission authorizes the Live Training Facility wherein the casino licensee may conduct live gaming activities.
2. Regulation §175-10.1-815 is entitled "Cessation of Live Training Facility" and states: "The casino licensee shall cease operations at the temporary live training facility prior to the opening of the initial gaming facility. In no event shall the licensee operate the temporary live training facility beyond April 30, 2017. The Commission may extend this date for good cause shown."
3. The Commission's authority to promulgate and enforce Regulation 815 stems, at least in part, from section 2314(b)(2) of Title Four of the Commonwealth Code, which states that the Commission's regulations shall ensure "compliance with the legal, statutory and contractual obligations of owners, operators, and employees of casinos and other persons licensed."
4. The April 30, 2017 cessation date was determined by those who negotiated and entered into the Casino License Agreement. The Commission was neither party to the negotiations nor signatory to the Agreement or its subsequent amendments.
5. Regulation 815, therefore, is the Commission's attempt to ensure the licensee honors its contractual obligations. The cessation date was not chosen by the Commission.
6. The Commission's staff has been informed, and consequently has informed the Commission in a public meeting that the licensee and government agencies are

negotiating an amendment to the Casino License Agreement which will extend the cessation date past April 30, 2017 such that good cause exists for the Commission to extend the date beyond April 30, 2017.

7. The Commission does not know what date will be finally negotiated between the government and the licensee and the Commission does not wish to insert itself into the negotiations. The Commission feels leaving the date open-ended at this time could be interpreted as the Commission's desire for a lengthy extension. The Commission wishes to state clearly that the Commission desires the cessation of the Live Training Facility at the earliest possible date.

8. Accordingly, the Commission will Order a relatively short extension of four (4) months to allow negotiation of the parties.

9. In the event that, on or before April 30, 2017, the Executive Director learns from either the CNMI Lottery Commission or the Office of the Governor that negotiations have ended without an extension of the cessation date, the cessation date shall remain April 30, 2017.

10. IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the April 30, 2017 cessation date found in §175-10.1-815 is hereby extended for four (4) months. In no event shall the licensee operate the temporary live training facility beyond August 31, 2017. The Commission may extend this date for good cause shown.

11. This Order is to take effect immediately and shall remain in effect until it is repealed or replaced by subsequent Order of the Commission.

SO ORDERED this 20th day of April, 2017.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_



JUAN M. SABLAN  
CHAIRMAN