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COMMISSION ORDER NO: 2017-003

Temporary Suspension of Certain Regulations

For good cause determined at the June 29, 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. Part 600 of the Regulations of the Commonwealth Casino Commission authorizes the initial gaming facility wherein the casino licensee may conduct live gaming activities.
3. 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." The cessation date was extended by Amendment #3 to the Casino License Agreement and the Commission has, for good cause, allowed gaming to continue beyond said date. See Commission Order 2017-002.
4. The Commission's authority to promulgate and enforce Parts 600 and 800 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."
5. The terms and requirements of Parts 600 and 800 were determined, in part, by those who negotiated, entered into, and subsequently amended the Casino License Agreement. The Commission was neither party to the negotiations nor signatory to the Agreement or its subsequent amendments.

6. The Commission's staff has been informed, and consequently has informed the Commission in a public meeting that the licensee and government agencies which comprise the Lottery Commission are negotiating or have negotiated amendments to the Casino License Agreement, and said negotiations have led or will lead to the adoption of Amendment 4 by the Lottery Commission such that good cause exists for the Commission to suspend portions of the Regulations to allow Amendment 4 to be implemented.

7. Accordingly, the Commission by this Order, pursuant to the authority vested in the Commission by Commonwealth Law and Regulation §175-10.1-025, the suspension of applicable portions of the CCC regulations generally, and more specifically §175-10.1-635(a) and (b), as well as §175-10.1-801 and §175-10.1-815, only so far as to allow gaming to commence at the live training facility in the casino portion of the uncompleted initial gaming facility project prior to the completion of the required 250 five-star quality rooms.

8. IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the applicable portions of the CCC regulations generally, and more specifically §175-10.1-635(a) and (b), as well as §175-10.1-801 and §175-10.1-815, are TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED only so far as to allow gaming to commence at the live training facility in the casino portion of the uncompleted initial gaming facility project prior to the completion of the required 250 five-star quality rooms. This suspension does not affect the licensee's obligation to secure the Chairman's and Executive Director's consent prior to the commencement of gaming activities at the live training facility in the casino portion of the uncompleted initial gaming facility project.

9. This suspension shall be in effect until such time as amendments to the Regulations generally, and §175-10.1-801 specifically, are finally adopted to allow gaming at the live training facility at the casino portion of the uncompleted initial gaming facility project prior to the completion of the required five star quality rooms.

10. 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 29th day of June, 2017.

Signature: _____



JUAN M. SABLAN
CHAIRMAN