

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Bureau of Indian Affairs****Indian Gaming**

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs,
Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Approved Tribal-State
Compact.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Section 11 of the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act of 1988 (IGRA), Pub. L. 100-497, 25 U.S.C. 2710, the Secretary of the Interior shall publish, in the *Federal Register*, notice of approved Tribal-State Compacts for the purpose of engaging in Class III gaming activities on Indian lands. The Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior, through his delegated authority, has approved the Off-Track Wagering Compact between the Chickasaw Nation and the State of Oklahoma, which was executed on July 26, 2000.

DATES: This action is effective October 2, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
George T. Skibine, Director, Office of
Indian Gaming Management, Bureau of
Indian Affairs, Washington, DC 20240,
(202) 219-4066.

Dated: September 20, 2000.

Kevin Gover,

Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.

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Honorable Bill Anoatubby
Governor of the Chickasaw Nation
P.O. Box 1548
Ada, Oklahoma 74820

Dear Chairman Anoatubby:

On August 7, 2000, we received the Off-Track Wagering Compact between the Chickasaw Nation (Tribe) and the State of Oklahoma (State), dated July 26, 2000. We have completed our review of this Compact and conclude that it does not violate the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act of 1988 (IGRA), Federal law, or our trust responsibility. Therefore, pursuant to delegated authority and Section 11 of IGRA, we approve the Compact. The Compact 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 want to remind you that your Minimum Internal Control Standards must be in accordance with the National Indian Gaming Commission's (NIGC) regulations, set forth in 25 CFR Part 542.

Notwithstanding our approval of the Compact, Section 11(d)(1) of IGRA, 25 U.S.C. § 2710(d)(1), requires that tribal gaming ordinances be approved by the Chairman of the NIGC. Regulations governing approval of Class II and Class III gaming ordinances are found in 25 CFR §§ 501.1-577.15 (1999). Pursuant to IGRA and the regulations, even previously existing gaming ordinances must be submitted to the NIGC for approval when requested by the Chairman. The Tribe may want to contact the NIGC at (202) 632-7003 for further information to determine when and how to submit the ordinance for approval by the NIGC.

In addition, if the Tribe enters into a management contract for the operation and management of the Tribe's gaming facility, the contract must likewise be submitted to, and approved by the Chairman of the NIGC pursuant to Section 11(d)(9) of the IGRA, 25 U.S.C. § 2710(d)(9) and the NIGC's regulations

governing management contracts. The Tribe may want to contact the NIGC for information on submitting the ordinance and the management contract for approval by the NIGC.

We wish the Tribe and the State success in their economic venture.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kevin Jones". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "K".

Assistant Secretary - Indian Affairs

Enclosure

Similar Letter Sent to: Honorable Frank Keating
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