

**1998 Class III Gaming Compact
Between the Crow Tribe and the State of Montana**

1. The 1998 Compact
2. First Amendment, March 19, 1998 – Hopper Machines
3. Second Amendment, March 19, 1998 – Hopper Machines
4. Notice of less Restrictive State Requirement, October 2002 - \$20 bill acceptor
5. Third Amendment , Approved February 12, 2003
 - a. Authorize multi-game video gambling machines,
 - b. Authorize \$1,500 maximum prize for machines,
 - c. Accounting for hopper machines, and
 - d. Extended term of Compact to March 2004.
6. Fourth Amendment, March 2004, extension until June 2004
7. Fifth Amendment, June 2004, extension to July 1, 2005 or another compact is executed
8. Notice of less Restrictive State Requirement, November 2005 – bonus games for video gambling machines.
9. Sixth Amendment, September 9, 2008, Parimutuel Wagering

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AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CROW INDIAN TRIBE
AND THE STATE OF MONTANA CONCERNING CLASS III GAMING

I. **AUTHORITY**

This Agreement ("Agreement") is made by and between the Crow Indian Tribe ("Tribe") and the State of Montana ("State"), pursuant to Public Law 100-497, the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act ("IGRA"). The Tribe is authorized to enter into this Agreement by Resolution No. 90-35. The State is authorized to enter into this Agreement by section 11(d)(3)(B) of the IGRA and the provisions of the State-Tribal Cooperative Agreements Act (sections 18-11-101 to 18-11-111, MCA).

II. **PURPOSE**

The purpose of this Agreement is to provide for the operation of and to define the respective authority of the Tribe and the State for regulation of Class III gaming as defined by the IGRA on the Crow Reservation.

III. **DEFINITIONS**

A. "Gaming." The term "gaming" means those Class III gaming activities authorized under and conducted in accordance with this Agreement.

B. "Premise." The term "premise" means a structure or facility that is clearly defined by permanently installed walls that extend from floor to ceiling and that has a public external entrance, leading to a street or other area, which entrance is not shared with another premise. If the premise shares a common internal wall with another premise offering gaming, the common wall must be permanently installed, opaque, and extend from floor to ceiling and may not contain an internal entrance through which public access is allowed.

C. "Regulate." The term "regulate" means the power to: control through statute, ordinance, resolution, administrative rule, guideline or administrative procedure and to impose taxes,

fees, assessments, and penalties insofar as is consistent with the IGRA.

D. "Reservation." The term "Reservation" means the Crow Reservation as established by the Treaty of May 7, 1868, 15 Stat. 649, and further defined by the Act of April 11, 1882, 22 Stat. 42, Act of March 3, 1891, Sec. 31, 26 Stat. 1039, and Act of April 27, 1904, 33 Stat. 352.

E. "State." The term "State" means the State of Montana or any agency thereof.

F. "State Gaming Agency." The term "state gaming agency" means the Gambling Control Division of the Montana Department of Justice.

G. "Tribe." The term "Tribe" means the Crow Tribe, any agency, organization or subdivision of that Tribe, or any corporate entity in which such Tribe is the sole owner.

H. "Tribal Gaming Agency." The term "tribal gaming agency" means the Crow Tribal Gaming Commission or such other agency which the Tribe may designate by written notice to the State as the Tribal agency responsible for regulatory oversight of gaming under this Agreement.

IV. JURISDICTION OF THE TRIBE AND STATE

A. The Tribe shall have jurisdiction, exclusive of the State and which may be concurrent with any jurisdiction of the United States, to regulate all class III gaming conducted by the Tribe on the Crow Reservation. The Tribe agrees to limit gaming to gaming operations wholly-owned by the Tribe. This Agreement shall not be construed to limit or otherwise affect Tribal or federal criminal jurisdiction on the Crow Reservation.

B. Because of the Reservation's present and historical demographics and so long as the Tribe does not allow the sale of alcoholic beverages within the Reservation, the State does not seek authority to authorize gaming operations owned by non-Indians on the Crow Reservation. The State shall have authority concurrent with that of the United States to prosecute non-

Indians for violation of this Agreement. For purposes of such prosecution only, the provisions of the gambling laws of the State of Montana are incorporated by reference.

V. PERMITTED GAMING

Subject to the jurisdictional authorities and the prohibitions and limitations set forth in Article IV, the following gaming may be conducted under this Agreement:

A. Video gambling machines when conducted in compliance with the provisions of Appendix A.

B. Simulcast racing when conducted in compliance with the provisions of Appendix B.

C. Calcutta pools when conducted in compliance with the provisions of Appendix C.

D. Fantasy sports leagues when conducted in compliance with the provisions of Appendix D.

E. Fishing derbies and betting on natural occurrences when conducted in compliance with the provisions of Appendix E.

F. Lotteries when conducted in compliance with the provisions of Appendix F.

G. Shake-a-day and shaking for music or drinks when conducted in compliance with the provisions of Appendix G.

H. Live keno when conducted in compliance with the provisions of Appendix H.

I. Sports pools and sports tab games when conducted in compliance with the provisions of Appendix I.

VI. GENERAL REGULATIONS

The following regulations shall apply to all gaming activities conducted on the Reservation.

A. Class III gaming conducted pursuant to this Agreement shall be owned and operated solely by the Tribe.

B. Persons under 18 years of age shall not participate in any gaming activity.

C. A person who is not physically present on the premises where the gaming activity is actually conducted may not be allowed to participate.

D. The consideration paid for the chance to play shall be strictly cash. Every participant must present the money with which he intends to play the game at the time the game is played. No check, credit card, note, IOU, or other evidence of indebtedness shall be offered ~~to~~ accepted as part of the price of participation in such game or as payment of a debt incurred therein. No person or organization shall be permitted to offer credit for gaming for a fee. This restriction shall not apply to credits ~~won~~ by players who activate gambling machines after inserting coins or currency into the machines, and shall not restrict the right of the Tribe or any other person to offer check cashing or to install or accept bank card or credit card transactions in the same manner as would be normally permitted at any retail business.

E. The Tribe may make available for play a maximum of one hundred (100) video gambling machines per tribally-operated premise.

F. The tribally-owned gambling operation(s) providing for the play of video gambling machines and/or live keno will be located at Crow Agency, Montana. Upon request by the Tribe, the State agrees to negotiate an amendment to this Agreement for the provision of other tribally-operated locations.

VII. BACKGROUND INVESTIGATIONS AND LICENSING OF EMPLOYEES AND MANAGER

A. The Tribe, prior to placing a prospective employee whose responsibilities include the operation or management of gaming, shall obtain releases and then shall investigate the backgrounds of all potential employees. The Tribe shall conduct this background check and prepare a written report regarding each

applicant within 30 days of receipt of the employment application.

B. The Tribe may employ any person whose prior financial or other activities or criminal record indicates that he or she:

1. does not pose a threat to the public interest;
2. does not pose a threat to the effective regulation and control of gaming;
3. does not create a danger of illegal practices, methods, or activities in the conduct of gaming or in the carrying on of the business and financial arrangements incidental to gaming;
4. has not been convicted of a felony offense within 5 years of the date of application or is on probation or parole or under deferred prosecution for committing a felony offense; or
5. is not receiving a substantial amount of financing for the proposed operation from an unsuitable source. A lender or other source of money or credit that is found to be unacceptable based upon the provisions of 1, 2, 3, or 4 above may be considered an unsuitable source.
6. The Tribe may deny employment to a person who has falsified an application. If the falsification is determined after the person has been employed the Tribe may terminate the employment.

VIII. TRIBE MAY CONTRACT WITH STATE

The Tribe may contract with the State to certify and inspect machines by paying a fee for each machine which does not exceed the actual cost incurred by the State for such inspections. The Tribe may contract with the State to conduct background and financial examinations of persons associated with any gaming operation allowed under this Agreement. State officials acting in this capacity shall act as subcontractors of the Tribe, and shall not be deemed to be acting on the State's behalf.

IX. ENFORCEMENT OF COMPACT PROVISIONS

The primary responsibility for the on-site regulation, control and security of the gaming operation authorized by this Agreement and for the enforcement of this Agreement shall be that of the Tribal Gaming Agency. The Tribal Gaming Agency shall investigate any reported violation of the Agreement provisions and shall require the Tribal gaming operation to correct the violation upon such terms and conditions as the Tribal Gaming Agency determines are necessary. If requested by the Tribal Gaming Agency, the State Gaming Agency shall assist in any investigation initiated by the Tribal Gaming Agency and provide other requested services to ensure proper compliance with the provisions of this Agreement. Any such assistance or provision of services by the State shall be pursuant to written contract between the Tribe and the State.

X. DEFAULT AND TERMINATION

A. Default by Tribe. In the event of substantial and continuing failure by the Tribe in the performance of its obligations under this Agreement, the State shall have the right, at its option, to terminate this Agreement, provided that the State shall have given the Tribe ninety (90) days written notice of such default and the Tribe shall have failed to cure such default within ninety (90) days after receipt of such written notice.

B. Default by State. In the event of substantial and continuing failure by the State in the performance of its obligations under this Agreement, the Tribe shall have the right, at its option, to terminate this Agreement, provided that the Tribe shall have given the State ninety (90) days written notice of such default and the State shall have failed to cure such default within ninety (90) days after receipt of such written notice.

C. Voluntary Termination. The parties may jointly terminate this Agreement by written instrument signed by both parties.

D. Continuing Duty to Bargain. Upon termination of this

Agreement for default or voluntarily, the State shall negotiate in good faith with the Tribe over the terms and conditions of a subsequent agreement upon receipt of a request pursuant to Section 11(d) of the IGRA.

XI. MISCELLANEOUS TERMS

A. Effective Date and Term. This Agreement shall be effective upon execution, and shall continue in effect for a period of five years with an option to renew for an additional five-year term unless earlier terminated in accordance with Article X. Before expiration of this Agreement or upon its termination, the parties may agree to the renewal of the Agreement for a term agreed upon by the parties.

B. Amendments. This Agreement may be amended only with the consent of both parties and only by written instrument signed by both parties. If the IGRA or state law is amended in any way affecting the terms of this Agreement, the parties agree to negotiate in good faith to amend this Agreement so as to achieve the objectives provided for and to ensure compliance with all applicable state and federal law, and, in the case of a change in law which would prohibit gaming authorized under this Agreement, the Tribe and the State shall engage in good faith negotiations to establish a reasonable period of time during which such gaming may continue in order to enable the Tribe and its investors (if any) to receive a reasonable return on investments made under this Agreement.

C. Negative Declaration. This Agreement has been entered into to satisfy the requirements of the IGRA. It is not intended to reflect or be viewed as reflecting in any other context either party's position with respect to the jurisdictional authority of the other. Nothing in this Agreement or in any conduct undertaken pursuant thereto shall be deemed as enlarging or diminishing the jurisdictional authority of either party except to the extent necessary to implement and effectuate the Agreement's terms. Neither this Agreement nor conduct pursuant thereto shall be offered as evidence, otherwise referred to in any present or future litigation unrelated to the subject matter of the Agreement, or used to further either party's equitable or legal position in any litigation unrelated to the subject matter of the Agreement.

D. Expansion of Class III Gaming. If, after the date of this Agreement, the State authorizes pursuant to State law (a) any form of gaming classified as Class III under the IGRA in addition to those forms permitted by this Agreement ("Additional Class III Games"), or (b) wager, prize, machine or other limits or restrictions on gaming, including Additional Class III Games authorized under subsection 2 below, less restrictive than those set forth in this Agreement ("Less Restrictive Provisions"), then the following provisions shall apply:

1. The State shall promptly notify the Tribe of such Additional Class III Games or Less Restrictive Provisions.
2. This Agreement shall be deemed amended to permit Additional Class III Games provided that they are conducted in conformity with the least restrictive terms and conditions applicable to them under the State law.
3. This Agreement shall be deemed amended so as to include such Less Restrictive Provisions.
4. The Tribe may notify the State that it desires to amend this Agreement to authorize such Additional Class III Games on the Reservation on terms and conditions less restrictive than those applicable to them under the foregoing provisions. Upon such notice, the parties shall in good faith endeavor to negotiate amendments to provide for such gaming by the Tribe hereunder in conformity with the IGRA.

E. Severability. Each provision, section and subsection of this Agreement shall stand separate and independent of every other provision, section, or subsection. In the event that a court of competent jurisdiction shall find any provision, section, or subsection of this Agreement to be invalid, the remaining provisions, sections, and subsections of the Agreement shall remain in full force and effect.

F. Notices. All notices and other communications required to be given hereunder by the Tribe and the State shall be deemed to have been duly given when delivered in person or posted by

United States certified mail, return receipt requested, with postage prepaid, addressed as follows:

(1) If to the Tribe:

Chairman
Crow Tribal Council
Box 159
Crow Agency MT 59022

(2) If to the State:

Governor of the State of Montana
Capitol Station
Helena MT 59620

or to such other address or addresses as either the Tribe or the State may from time to time designate in writing.

G. Reservation of Rights.

Neither party has waived or forfeited any of their rights, privileges, positions, or defenses with respect to the on-going negotiations on the long-term compact. The Tribe reserves its right under Section 11(d)(7) of the IGRA to bring an action in the Federal District Court against the State if the Tribe concludes that the State has not negotiated in good faith on the long-term compact. The State recognizes the Tribe's right to bring such action, and agrees that nothing in this Agreement shall be interpreted or construed as expressly or implicitly waiving the Tribe's right to bring such an action. Each party reserves all rights, arguments and defenses that are available to it under the law, and nothing in this Agreement shall be interpreted or construed as an express or implicit waiver of any such right, argument or defense. The Tribe's initiation and pursuit of such an action shall not diminish or otherwise impair its rights under this Agreement.

CROW TRIBE

STATE OF MONTANA

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CLARA NOMEE

CLARA NOMEE, Tribal Chairman

Joe Pelin-Vice-Chairman

Date 3-4-98

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MARC RACICOT, Governor

Date 3-6-98

APPENDIX A

VIDEO GAMBLING MACHINES

I. DEFINITIONS

For the purposes of this Interim Agreement, the following definitions apply:

A. "Bingo machine" means an electronic video gambling machine that, upon insertion of cash, is available to play bingo as provided in this Agreement. The machine utilizes a video display and microprocessor(s) in which, by chance, the player may receive cash or credits that may be redeemed for cash. The term does not include a slot machine.

B. "Draw poker machine" means an electronic video gambling machine that, upon insertion of cash, is available to play or simulate the play of the game of draw poker as provided in this Agreement. The machine utilizes a video display and microprocessor(s) in which, by the skill of the player, by chance, or both, the player may receive cash or credits that may be redeemed for cash. The term does not include a slot machine.

C. "Keno machine" means an electronic video gambling machine that, upon insertion of cash, is available to play keno as provided in this Agreement. The machine utilizes a video display and microprocessor(s) in which, by chance, the player may receive cash or credits that may be redeemed for cash. The term does not include a slot machine.

D. "Video gambling machine" means a bingo machine, draw poker machine, or keno machine.

II. CONDITIONS

A video gambling machine regulated by the Tribe must comply with the following conditions:

A. Prizes may be awarded only in the form of free games, credits, or cash. A prize may not exceed the value of \$1,000 for each individual award.

B. Video gambling machines within a tribal premises may be connected in a progressive bank provided the prize limit for the progressive bank does not exceed \$1,000.

C. Video gambling machines may not be operated between the hours of 2 a.m. and 8 a.m. of each day, unless the Tribal Council adopts an ordinance allow play between 2 a.m. and 8 a.m.

D. Any gambling device manufacturers or distributors providing, selling or otherwise placing gambling machines under this Agreement must be licensed by the State under section 23-5-625, MCA.

E. General Specifications of Video Gambling Machines

A video gambling machine and associated equipment must meet the following general specifications.

(1) Each video gambling machine model or modification must:

(a) be inspected for approval and licensure. Any machine sold or operated may be inspected. Any approval granted to a person is not transferable. Immediate access must be allowed to each machine. Keys to allow access to a machine for purposes of inspection may be provided or must be immediately available on the premises. Machines for which a substantial modification or a series of minor modifications whose total result is substantial must meet all of the specific law or rule requirements in effect at the time of submission. Only those machines which are owned or operated and to which the submitted modification will be applied are required to meet those specifications in effect at time of submission. A determination that a modification is substantial may be contested;

(b) be operated by the players in the manner specified by this appendix;

(c) not have any switches, jumpers, wire posts, or other means of manipulation that could affect the operation or outcome of a game. The machine may not have any functions or parameters adjustable by and through any separate video display or input codes except for the adjustment of features that are wholly cosmetic or other operational parameters as approved. This is to include devices known as "knockoff switches";

(d) offer only those games defined as video gambling in this Agreement and operate in the following manner:

(i) in the case of draw poker, after the initial cards have been dealt, the player may be allowed to raise his wager;

(ii) the game must display the combinations for which credits will be awarded and the number of credits awarded for each combination;

(iii) one credit may not exceed twenty-five cents in value;

(iv) the machine must have locked doors to two separate areas, one containing the logic board and software for the game and the other housing the cash. Game EPROMS contained on the logic board must be readily accessible from the front of the machine. Access from one area to another must not be allowed;

(v) (A) the machines may have two mechanisms that accept coins, hereinafter referred to as "mechanism 1" and "mechanism 2." These mechanisms must have devices referred to as "lockouts" which prohibit the machine from accepting coins during periods when the machine is inoperable;

(B) the machine may have a machine manufacturer mechanism that accepts cash in the form of bills that do not exceed \$5;

(vi) in the case of poker each machine must use a color display with images of cards that closely resemble the standard poker playing cards;

(vii) if the machine prints ticket vouchers, the machine must be capable of printing a ticket voucher for all credits owed the player at the completion of each game. A valid ticket must contain the following:

(A) the name of the establishment;

(B) the name of the city, town, or county in which the establishment is located;

(C) the machine serial number;

(D) the time of day in hours and minutes in a 24-hour format;

(E) the current date;

(F) the program name and revision;

(G) the value of the prize in numbers;

(H) the value of the prize in words;

(I) the sequential number of the ticket voucher;

(viii) for both ticket voucher and cash drop

machines, the printing mechanism must be located in a locked area of the machine to insure the safekeeping of the audit copy. The logic board shall be mounted within the logic area so it is not visible upon opening the logic area door. The printing mechanism must have a paper sensing device that upon sensing a "low paper" condition will allow the machine to finish printing the ticket and prevent further play. The machine must recognize a printer power loss occurrence and cease play until power has been restored to the printer and the machine is capable of producing a valid ticket;

(ix) the machine must have nonresettable mechanical meters housed in a readily accessible locked machine area. The mechanical meters must be manufactured in such a way as to prevent access to the internal parts without destroying the meter. Meters must be hardwired (no quick connects will be allowed in the meter wiring system). A validating identification sticker attached to the mechanical meters to verify the meters are assigned to a specific licensed machine may be required. The meters must keep a permanent record of:

(A) total credits accepted by the coin acceptor mechanism(s), and bill acceptor (if applicable);

(B) total credits played;

(C) total credits won;

(D) total credits paid;

(x) the machine must contain electronic metering, using meters that record and display the following on the video screen;

(A) total credits in mechanism(s) 1 and 2 (if applicable);

(B) total credits through the bill acceptor (if applicable);

(C) total credits, total credits played, total credits won, and total credits paid;

(D) total games played and total games won; and

(E) any other metering required by this appendix.

(xi) the machine must issue by activation of an external key switch, an accounting ticket containing a performance synopsis of the machine and progressive accounting data if applicable. The printing of all totals from the electronic meters shall occur automatically each time access occurs to either the logic compartment or any compartment where cash is collected. Whenever electronic

meters are reset, each machine must produce a full accounting ticket both before and after each resetting. The tickets must contain:

- (A) the name of the establishment;
- (B) the name of the city, town, or county in which the establishment is located;
- (C) the machine serial number;
- (D) the time of day in hours and minutes in a 24-hour format;
- (E) the current date;
- (F) the program name and revision; and
- (G) the electronic meter readings required;
- (xii) the machine and any peripheral electronic device must have an identification tag permanently affixed to the machine by the manufacturer. The tag must be on the right-hand side, upper left corner of the machine or peripheral electronic device or in another approved location and must include the following information:
 - (A) manufacturer;
 - (B) serial number;
 - (C) model;
 - (D) date of manufacture; and
- (xiii) the face of the machine must be clearly labeled so as to inform the public that no person under the age of 18 years is allowed to play;
- (xiv) no machine may offer for play more than one pay table per program;
- (xv) each machine and peripheral electronic device must pass a static test;
- (xvi) a machine shall be equipped with a surge protector that will feed all A.C. electric current to the machine and a backup power supply capable of maintaining for a 30-day period the accuracy of all electronic meters, date, and time during power fluctuations and loss. The battery must be in a state of charge during normal operation of the machine. Manufacturers incorporating either the use of E2 proms or a lithium battery for memory retention will be considered to meet this requirement; and:
- (xvii) play of the game shall be activated by a button or lever.

- (2) If the video gambling machines are connected to a

centralized monitoring system, the system must have the same security features and capabilities as required for individual machines.

(3) Any and all modifications made to an approved video gambling machine must be submitted for approval prior to installation.

(4) Authorization to operate a machine may be suspended or revoked or approval of a machine may be revoked at any time it is determined that a machine or machine component does not comply with a tribal ordinance or terms of a tribal-state compact governing video gambling machines in effect at the time of approval.

F. Safety Specifications. A video gambling machine must include the following hardware specifications:

(1) All electric and mechanical parts and design principles shall follow acceptable industrial codes and standards in both design and manufacture.

(2) A video gambling machine shall be designed to ensure that the player will not be subjected to any physical, electrical, or mechanical hazards.

G. General Video Gaming Machine Software Specifications.

(1) Each video gambling machine must meet the following specifications:

(a) the random number selection process shall conform to an acceptable random order of occurrence and uniformity of distribution;

(b) the field of numbers must be mixed after each game by using a random number generator;

(c) after the field of numbers has been mixed and before the start of the game the field of numbers is to be frozen with all numbers used for play taken in order from the top of the frozen field;

(d) any variable data, e.g., location name, shall not reside on EPROMs that contain game programs;

(e) must payback or award credits at a minimum rate of 80%;

(f) the game program must not interfere in any way with expected random play;

(g) all electronic meters must be 8 digits in length; and

(h) for any game played, the payable for that game must be prominently displayed and understandable to the player.

(2) A machine may have a personality program that includes but is not limited to the following:

- (a) payable (limited to one per program);
- (b) graphics;
- (c) deal;
- (d) optional features to include but not be limited to:
 - (i) raise;
 - (ii) auto-bet;
 - (iii) hold and discard;
- (e) personality program number.

H. Software Specifications For Video Draw Poker.

(1) Each video draw poker machine must meet the following specifications for approval. In order to be approved the machine must:

- (a) use a deck of cards consisting of 52 standard playing cards, up to two jokers may also be used;
- (b) deal the initial cards from the top of the frozen field;
- (c) replace discarded cards with remaining cards in the frozen field starting with the sixth card and drawing any additional cards in the order of that frozen field;
- (d) meter for each breakdown in the payable; and
- (e) display the winning hands and the number of credits awarded for that hand.

I. Software Specifications For Video Keno Machines.

(1) Each video keno machine must meet the following specifications for approval. In order to be approved the machine must:

- (a) display a fixed playing field of numbers from 1 - 80;
- (b) only accept a bet on a minimum of 2 spots and a maximum of 10 spots per game;
- (c) display the balls picked;
- (d) conform to standard rules of keno; and
- (e) display the total number of player spots picked at

the end of each game, display the number of balls drawn that matched the players' picks (this may be shown as 3 out of 8, 8 out of 10, etc.) and display any credits awarded for these combinations.

J. Software Specifications For Video Bingo Machines.

(1) Each video bingo machine must meet the following specifications for approval. In order to be approved the machine must:

- (a) utilize a field of numbers from 1 to 75;
- (b) provide a card or cards that contain 24 numbered spaces per card and one free spot. No cards may be identical;
- (c) generate cards by utilizing a random number generator;
- (d) meter each breakdown in the paytable;
- (e) conform to standard rules of bingo;
- (f) produce a bingo during each game;
- (g) display the number of balls picked and the credits awarded for the number of balls drawn in order to obtain a bingo;
- (h) allow the player the choice of cards on which to play. All winning cards must be available for display on the screen, including any that may be played by the machine in any game; and
- (i) designate the winning arrangement of numbers prior to commencing play.

APPENDIX B

SIMULCAST RACING

I. DEFINITION

For the purposes of this Agreement, "simulcast racing" means a live broadcast of an actual horse race at the time it is run. The term includes races of local or national prominence.

II. CONDITIONS

Simulcast racing regulated by the Tribe must:

- (1) be with a network approved to operate within Montana; and
- (2) not pay any state and local tax assessment but shall pay other standard fees charged by the network.

APPENDIX C

CALCUTTA POOLS

I. DEFINITION

For the purposes of this Agreement, "Calcutta pool" means a form of auction pool conducted on an event having more than two entrants in which a person's wager is equal to his bid.

II. CONDITIONS

A Calcutta pool regulated by the Tribe must comply with the following conditions:

- (1) At least 50% of the total amount wagered on the pool must be paid out in prizes.
- (2) A person may not wager on an elementary school or high school event.
- (3) The rules of the Calcutta pool must be publicly posted.
- (4) Proceeds from the pool minus administrative costs and prizes paid must be contributed to a charitable or nonprofit corporation, association, or cause.

APPENDIX D

FANTASY SPORTS LEAGUES

I. DEFINITIONS

For the purposes of this Agreement, the following

definitions apply:

(1) "Administrative fee" means an amount that may be charged a member or payment of expenses directly related to the operation of a fantasy sports league. An administrative fee may not exceed 15% of a member's entrance fee.

(2) "Entrance fee" means the amount charged a member, excluding any administrative fee, for membership in a fantasy sports league.

(3) "Fantasy sports league" means a gambling activity in which persons assemble fictitious teams through a process of bidding for or drawing players from a recognized league and wagering a participation fee that the assembled team will accumulate the most points over the specified season.

(4) "Member" means a person or group of persons who own a fictitious team that is a competitor in a fantasy sports league.

(5) "Prize" means anything of value awarded to a winner of a fantasy sports league.

(6) "Transaction fee" means an amount charged a member for trading or purchasing a player after the initial teams in the fantasy sports league are selected. The fee for each transaction may not exceed the entrance fee.

II. FANTASY SPORTS LEAGUES DESCRIBED

A fantasy sports league is a gambling activity conducted in the following manner:

(1) A fantasy sports league consists of a limited number of persons or groups of persons who pay an entrance fee for membership in the league. The entrance fee may include and administrative fee.

(2) Each league member creates a fictitious team composed of athletes from a given professional sport, such as baseball, basketball, or football. Player selection is conducted through random drawings or a bidding process.

(3) After the initial teams are selected, interim replacement of players may occur by trade or purchase. A specific fee, which may not exceed the total entrance fee, may be charged for each transaction.

(4) A method, as defined by league rules, is devised to permit each team to compete against other teams in the league. Points are awarded to a team according to the performance of individual players or teams or both during a

designated time period.

(5) A member may be eligible to receive a prize based on the number of points accumulated. Prizes, which may be in the form of cash or merchandise or a combination of both, are awarded according to league rules. If a prize is merchandise, the purchase price paid for the merchandise is considered the value of the prize.

(6) Rules governing the conduct of the fantasy sports league are provided in writing to each member.

III. LEAGUE RULES

Rules governing a fantasy sports league must include:

- (1) name, address, and telephone number of the person or organization conducting the league;
- (2) amount charged for entrance, administrative, and transaction fees;
- (3) name of the professional sports and teams on which the league is based;
- (4) length of the season that the league is to operate;
- (5) size of a member's team roster;
- (6) method used to select players;
- (7) method for awarding points to a team based on the performance of individual players, teams or both during a designated period; and
- (8) anticipated prizes to be awarded.

IV. RECORD KEEPING REQUIREMENTS

An organization or individual conducting a fantasy sports league shall retain the following for 1 year after the league winners are determined:

- (1) name and address of each individual who participated as a member in league;
- (2) total amount collected for each of the following fees:
 - (a) entrance;
 - (b) administrative; and
 - (c) transaction.
- (3) number of interim trades or purchases made by each member;
- (4) proof of the purchase price of any merchandise

prize awarded; and

(5) a list of the prizes awarded at the conclusion of the league season, including:

- (a) the amount of each prize;
- (b) name of the member awarded each prize; and
- (c) total value of the payout of the fantasy league.

V. RESTRICTIONS

(1) A representative of each member of the fantasy sports league must be present to initially select team players and to trade or purchase interim players.

(2) Players for initial teams must be selected through a random drawing or competitive bidding process.

(3) An entrance fee and any administrative fee must be paid in cash at the time a member joins the league. A transaction fee must be paid in cash at the time the interim trade or purchase of a player is made.

(4) The total value of prizes awarded to all members must equal the total amount collected for entrance, administrative, and transaction fees, minus any payment for administrative expenses.

APPENDIX E

FISHING DERBIES AND BETTING ON NATURAL OCCURRENCES

I. DEFINITIONS

For the purpose of this Agreement, the following definitions apply:

(1) "Fishing derby" means a gambling activity in which two or more persons pay valuable consideration for an opportunity to win a prize for the species, size, weight, or otherwise specified fish caught in a fishing event.

(2) "Wagering on the outcome of a natural occurrence" means a gambling activity in which two or more persons pay valuable consideration for an opportunity to win a prize by most accurately predicting the date or time of an event, resulting from a climatological or meteorological activity.

II. CONDITIONS

A gambling activity involving a fishing derby or wagering on the outcome of a natural occurrence that is regulated by the Tribe must comply with the following conditions:

(1) Except as provided in subsection (2), all consideration paid to participate in the gambling activity must be paid to the winners.

(2) A nonprofit organization sponsoring the gambling activity may retain up to 50% of the total amount paid to participate.

APPENDIX F

LOTTERIES

I. DEFINITIONS

"LOTTERY GAMES." The term "LOTTERY GAMES" means any procedure, including any on-line or other procedure using a machine or electronic device, by which one or more prizes are randomly distributed among persons who have paid for a chance to win a prize but does not include any game in which a player competes against or plays with any other person.

II. CONDITIONS

Lottery games may be conducted on the Reservation if such games are conducted and operated by the Tribe in a manner which provides security at least as stringent as the Montana Lottery.

APPENDIX G

SHAKE-A-DAY AND SHAKING FOR MUSIC OR A DRINK

I. DEFINITIONS

For the purposes of this Agreement, the following definitions apply:

(1) "Shake-a-day" means a dice game in which a person may once each day pay an amount of money predetermined by an establishment and shake a number of dice predetermined by the establishment in an attempt to roll a predetermined combination simulating a poker hand. If the combination is rolled, the person wins all the money paid to play the game since the last winning combination was rolled.

(2) "Shaking for music or a drink" means a gambling activity in which a customer, either alone or with an owner or employee of an establishment, shakes or chooses one or more dice to determine whether the customer or the establishment shall pay for the customer's drink or shall immediately pay a predetermined amount of money for music from a jukebox in the establishment.

II. CONDITIONS

A gambling activity involving shake-a-day or shaking for music or a drink that is regulated by the Tribe must comply with the following conditions:

(1) The maximum amount that may be wagered by a person participating in a game of shake-a-day is 50 cents.

(2) Before a shake-a-day game begins, and establishment may limit the amount that may be won and use the remaining money played on that game to start the pot for the next game, thus enhancing the incentive to play the next game in the early stages of the next game. All money paid to play games must be paid out as winnings.

(3) The maximum amount of money that may be placed in a jukebox as a result of shaking for music is \$2.

(4) Nothing in this Agreement authorizes the dice game of craps or any other dice game not specifically described in this Agreement.

APPENDIX H

LIVE KENO

I. DEFINITION

For the purposes of this Agreement, "live keno" means a game

of chance in which prizes are awarded using a card with 80 numbers arranged in eight horizontal rows and ten columns, on which a player may pick up to ten numbers. A keno caller, using authorized equipment, selects at random at least twenty numbers out of numbers between one and eighty inclusive.

II. CONDITIONS

Live keno regulated by the Tribe must comply with the following conditions:

(1) Live keno may not be conducted between the hours of 2 a.m. and 8 a.m. of each day, unless the Tribal Council adopts an ordinance allowing play between 2 a.m. and 8 a.m.

(2) A keno operator shall keep a record of gross proceeds in the form required by the Tribe. At all times during the business hours of the licensee the records must be available for inspection.

(3) A keno operator shall annually complete and deliver to the Tribal Council a statement showing the total gross proceeds for each live keno game operated by him and the total amount due as live keno tax for the preceding year. This statement must contain any other relevant information required by the Tribal Council.

(4) Except as provided in subsection (6),:

(a) the price for an individual keno card may not exceed 50 cents;

(b) a prize may not exceed the value of \$1,000 for each individual keno card; and

(c) it is unlawful to, in any manner, combine any wards so as to increase the ultimate value of the award.

(5) Keno prizes may be paid in either tangible personal property or cash.

(6) Variations of the game of keno, as authorized by section III, in which a player selects three or more numbers and places a wager on various combinations of these numbers is permissible if:

(a) no more than 50 cents is wagered on each combination of numbers; and

(b) a winning combination does not pay more than \$1,000.

(7) A player may give a keno caller a card with instructions on the card to play that card and its marked numbers for up to the number of successive games that the

house allows and that the player has indicated on the card, upon payment of the price per game times the number of successive games indicated. The player shall remain on the house premises until the card is played or withdrawn. The caller shall keep the card until the end of the number of games indicated.

(8) Electronic live keno equipment must at a minimum use a random selection process to determine the outcome of each game.

III. AUTHORIZED VARIATIONS OF LIVE KENO

(1) Authorized variations of live keno are:

(a) a straight ticket in which a player picks from one to ten numbers and wagers that the numbers will be duplicated entirely or in part from the group of numbers drawn.

(b) a split ticket consisting of two or more straight tickets written on a single keno card. Each group on a split ticket is treated as if it were a single straight ticket.

(c) a way ticket in which a player selects three or more equal groups of numbers which when taken at least two groups at a time comprise several straight ticket combinations

(d) a combination way ticket in which a player simultaneously combines any or all of the variations described in subsections (a), (b), and (c).

(e) a king ticket in which a single number, commonly known as a king number, is matched with each group of numbers selected. The king number is treated as any circled number group as used in way and combination way tickets.

(2) A group of numbers resulting from combining smaller groups for way, combination way, or king tickets may not exceed a total of 10 numbers.

(3) A player shall clearly identify and separate on his keno card any group of numbers selected for a split, way, combination way, or king ticket by drawing:

(a) a line between or circle around each group for a split ticket; or

(b) a circle around each group for a way, combination way, or king ticket.

(4) A keno caller shall record in the margin (sideline) of a keno card each wager made by a player, other than for a

straight ticket, by using a standard fractional format that identifies the number of wagers by rroup size (e.g., 2/4 for two wagers each placed on a different group of four numbers). Only the wagers recorded in the margin (sideline) may be winners. The total amount wagered by the player must be written on the from of the keno card.

APPENDIX I

SPORTS POOLS AND SPORTS TAB GAMES

I. DEFINITIONS

For the purposes of this Agreement, the following definitions apply:

- (1) "Master square" means that portion of the sports pool card used in a traditional, series, or multiple way sports pool that is divided into spaces representing chances purchased by the participants and containing the name or initials of the participant in the sports pool.
- (2) "Series of sports events" means two or more sports events involving the same sport that are conducted at the same level (e.g., collegiate, professional).
- (3) "Sports event" means an athletic game, race or contest involving two or more competitors, who are natural persons or teams comprised of natural persons, in which the winner is determined by score or placement.
- (4) "Sports pool" means a gambling activity in which a person wagers money for each chance to win money or other items of value based on the outcome of a sports event or series of sports events wherein the competitors in the sports event or series of sports events are natural persons or teams comprised of natural persons.
- (5) "Sports tab" means a folded or banded ticket with a face covered to conceal a combination of two number, with each number ranging from zero through nine.
- (6) "Sports tab game" means a gambling enterprise conducted on a card to which 100 sports tabs are attached that have 100 different combinations for which consideration in money is paid by the person purchasing each tab. A person may purchase a sports tab from the card for the chance to win

money or other items of value on a sports event.

II. DESIGN AND CONDUCT OF SPORTS TAB GAME

(1) A sports tab game may be conducted only in conjunction with a single sports event with two competitors. A sponsor may conduct more than one sports tab game for each event.

(2) A winner or winners of a sports tab game are determined by matching the appropriate number on a participant's sports tab with the only or last digit of the competitors' score at the end of the sports event, and if designated before the event by the sponsor, at intervals during the sports event.

(3) Before the sale of any sports tabs in a sports tab game, the sponsor shall describe the game by prominently displaying the following information on the sports tab card or on a board to which the card is attached:

- (a) name of the competitors in the sports event;
- (b) date of the sports event;
- (c) notification of which competitor's score corresponds to the first and second numbers on the sports tab;
- (d) name of the sponsor;
- (e) cost of a sports tab;
- (f) total dollar value of all prizes to be awarded to winners;
- (g) total amount to be retained by the sponsor;
- (h) dollar amount or type and value of merchandise to be awarded to each winner;
- (i) intervals during the sports event for which prizes are to be awarded, if any; and
- (j) name of the competitors and the date of the sports event that will be substituted for the original sports event if it is canceled.

(4) After sale of the sports tabs begins, the sponsor:

- (a) may not cancel the sports tab game or alter the game in any manner; and
- (b) shall award all prizes at the end of the sports event in accordance with the description required under subsection (3), regardless of whether all tabs on the sports tab card are sold to participants before the start of the sports event.

III. PURCHASE AND SALE OF SPORTS TABS BY SPONSOR

- (1) A sponsor may purchase a sports tab card only from a manufacturer licensed by the State or the manufacturer's authorized agent. The sports tab card must contain a sports tab decal.
- (2) The total cost of each sports tab on the same sports tab card must be identical and may not exceed \$5. A participant shall pay cash for the sports tab at the time the tab is selected.

IV. PRIZES

- (1) "Cost of the sports tabs" means an amount that is equal to the amount paid by the participant for a single sports tab multiplied by 100.
- (2) If a prize is awarded for scores attained at a predetermined interval during a sports event, the value of the prize awarded at the interval may not exceed the value of the prize awarded for the score at the end of the event.
- (3) Except as provided in subsection (6), a sponsor shall pay to the winners of a sports tab game at least 90% of the cost of the sports tabs. The sponsor may retain up to 10% of the cost of the sports tabs.
- (4) The total value of all prizes awarded in a sports pool may not exceed \$500. Prizes must be in cash or merchandise.
- (5) If merchandise is awarded, the purchase price paid for the merchandise is considered to be the value of the prize. Except as provided in subsection (6), if the value of the merchandise is less than 90% of the cost of the sports tabs the difference must be awarded to the winners in cash.
- (6) A sponsor who is a nonprofit organization may retain up to 50% of the cost of the sports tabs.
- (7) All prizes must be available for distribution to winners immediately at the end of the sports event.

V. SPONSOR RECORD KEEPING REQUIREMENTS

- (1) After a winning sports tab is submitted to the sponsor and a prize is awarded, the sponsor shall cancel the tab, by whatever means chosen, and attach the cancelled tab to the

sports tab card or board. A sports tab that was not sold to a participant must remain attached to the sports tab card.

(2) The sponsor shall retain a sports tab card or board to which the card is attached for at least 1 year after the date of the sport event.

(3) If merchandise is awarded as a prize, the sponsor shall retain proof of the purchase price of the merchandise for 1 year after the date of the sports event.

VI. USE OF SPORTS TABS RESTRICTED

(1) A sports tab may be used only in conducting a sports tab game as described in this Appendix. A sport tab used for any other purpose is an illegal gambling device.

VII. AUTHORIZED SPORTS POOLS

(1) Authorized sports pools described in this section are identified by a title to distinguish one pool type from another. The controlling factor as to the legality of a sports pool is not the pool's title but the method and manner in which the pool is conducted.

(2) The conduct of an authorized sports pool is subject to the provisions of this appendix.

(3) The following sports pools are authorized:

(a) a "traditional sports pool" involving a single sports event with two competitors that is conducted on a sports pool card containing a master square with 25, 50, or 100 spaces. Each space is randomly assigned a unique pair of numbers from the vertical and horizontal axis of the master square. A winner is determined by matching the numbers assigned to a space with the only or last digit of the score of each competitor in the sports event at predetermined intervals during the event or at the end of the event.

(b) a "series sports pool" conducted on a master square in conjunction with a series of sports events. The pair of numbers assigned to each space on the master square remains the same for each sports event in the series. The competitors in each sports event in the series may be individual teams or a combination of teams (e.g., a group of teams designated as home teams versus a group of teams

designated as away teams). Spaces must be sold for all events in the series of sports events and may not be sold for individual events. Winners for each sports event in the series are determined:

(i) in the same manner as in a traditional sports pool; or

(ii) in the same manner as in a traditional sports pool for the first sports event in the series. For the second and subsequent events, winners are determined by combining the scores generated by each competitor in the previous events.

(c) a "multiple way sports pool" conducted on a master square with multiple sets of numbers randomly assigned to the horizontal and the vertical axes representing certain intervals of a single sports event or individual sports events in a series of events. Winners are determined in the same manner as in a traditional sports pool.

(d) a "selected point sports pool" in which the winner is the participant whose assigned competitor is the first to attain a final score that matches a predetermined number (e.g., 28, 39). If in a given week none of the competitor's score match the predetermined number, the prize is carried over to the next and subsequent weeks until a match occurs. However, the pool must be designed to ensure that a prize does not exceed the value of \$500. The number of participants in a selected point sports pool is limited to the number of competitors in an established league. Competitors are randomly assigned to the participants and may be assigned for a single week or the duration of the pool.

(e) a "blackout sports pool" in which the winner is the participant who holds the randomly assigned competitor that first accumulates scores on succeeding weeks whose only or final digit corresponds to all of the numbers zero through nine. A variation of this pool tallies only those scores in which the competitor is the winner of a sports event. The number of participants is limited to the number of competitors in an established league.

(f) a "weekly sweepstakes sports pool" in which a different competitor or competitors are randomly assigned to participants for each week. The winner is determined by the most or least points scored by the competitor or competitors assigned to a participant or by the most games won by the

competitors assigned to a participant. The number of participants is limited to the number of competitors in a league or to the maximum combination of competitors in a league.

(g) a "multiple competitor sports pool" in which three or more competitors simultaneously compete in a sports event or series of sports events as individuals, not as a team, such as in a car race or golf tournament. Competitors are randomly assigned to participants, and a pool winner is determined by the score or place that the competitor attains in the sports event or series of sports events.

VIII. SPORTS POOL CARD

(1) A traditional, series, or multiple way sports pool must be conducted on a sports pool card containing a master square.

(a) The master square of the card must be divided into spaces arranged in horizontal rows and vertical columns.

(b) The numbers for each horizontal row and vertical column must be randomly assigned after the person conducting the pool closes the pool to additional sale of spaces but prior to the beginning of the sports event or the first event in a series of sport events. Any unsold spaces at the time the numbers are assigned are considered purchased by the person conducting the sports pool and must be marked in a manner indicating that they may not be sold to another person.

(c) Each space must be represented by a number from both the horizontal row and vertical column.

(d) Each competitor in the sports event must be assigned to either the horizontal or vertical axis of the master square before the beginning of each sports event.

(2) A sports pool card used to conduct an authorized sports pool must be of adequate size to be easily read by participants and observers.

(3) The sports pool card shall, in advance of any sale of any chance, clearly indicate:

(a) rules for conducting the sports pool;

(b) name of the sports event or series of events covered by the card;

(c) name of the competitors in the sports event or

series of events, if known;

(d) date of the sports event or dates of the series of sports events;

(e) total number of chances available in the pool;

(f) cost to the participant for each chance;

(g) total amount to be paid to each winner;

(h) intervals that a pay-out will be made and the amount of each pay-out;

(i) name of the person conducting the sports pool;

(j) name or initials of participants who have purchased chances in the pool;

(k) amount or value of each individual prize and the total value of all prizes; and

(l) name of the competitors and the date of a sports event that will be substituted for the original sports event if it is cancelled.

(4) After each prize is awarded, the names of the winners of each prize must be prominently displayed on each card.

(5) A sports pool card must be retained by the person conducting the sports pool until all prizes are awarded or for 30 days after the event or last event in a series of events, whichever occurs first.

IX. SALE OF CHANCES

(1) The total cost of a chance shall not exceed \$5 per sports event and must be paid in full and in cash at the time of chance is selected.

(2) If the actual number of sports events conducted as part of a series of events is less than the number of events for which chances were sold, the sponsor shall refund to each participant the money paid for chances on those events that were not conducted.

(3) After sale of the chances begins, the person conducting the sports pool:

(a) may not cancel the sports pool or alter it in any manner, and

(b) shall award all prizes at the end of the sports event or series of events.

(4) In an authorized sports pool in which a competitor is randomly assigned to each participant purchasing a chance in the pool, a participant may not sell, trade, or otherwise

transfer his competitor to another person.

X. DETERMINATION OF WINNERS -- PRIZES

- (1) There must be at least one winner from among the participants in a sports pool. A winner and winners are determined by the score or place attained by one or more competitors in the sports event upon which the sports pool is conducted.
- (2) The prizes awarded to the winner or winners of a sports pool may be cash or merchandise but must not exceed a total value of \$500 per sports event.
 - (a) Where the prize awarded is merchandise, the purchase price paid for the item(s) of the merchandise prize is considered to be the value of the prize. Proof of the purchase price of the item(s) of the merchandise prize shall be retained for a period of 30 days from the event.
 - (b) Subject to subsection (4) if the value of the merchandise prize is less than the amount of money paid by all participants for the chance to participate, the person conducting the sports pool shall award the balance in cash to the winner(s).
- (3) All prizes must be available for distribution to winners immediately at the end of the sports event or at the end of each sports event in a series of event.
- (4) A nonprofit organization may retain up to 50 percent of the value of a sports pool if the amount retained is used to support charitable activities, scholarships or educational grants, or community service activities. The nonprofit organization must maintain and open to inspection upon reasonable demand records to verify the use of the retained portion of the sports pool.

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FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE MARCH 24, 1993 AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE CROW TRIBE AND THE STATE OF MONTANA
CONCERNING CLASS III GAMING

Pursuant to Article XI B of the Agreement between the Crow Tribe and the State of Montana concerning Class III Gaming:

1. Appendix A, subsection II.E.(1)(d)(iv) is amended as follows:

(iv) the machine must have three (3) locks: one in the area containing the logic board and software for the game, one to the logic board itself, and the other to the area housing the cash, except that a separate cash compartment shall not be required for coins necessary to pay prizes in a machine which pays prizes through a drop hopper. EPROMS contained on the logic board must be readily accessible from the front of the machine.

2. Appendix A, subsection II.E.(1)(d)(vii) is amended as follows:

(vii) the machine must:

- (A) utilize a coin drop hopper and be monitored by a game transaction management/reporting system of the type described in paragraph (1)(d)(xi)(A) which has been approved by the State of Montana; or
- (B) be capable of printing a ticket voucher for all credits owed the player at the completion of each game, in which event a valid ticket must contain the following:

- (1) the name of the licensed establishment;
- (2) the name of the city or town or county in which the licensed establishment is located;
- (3) the machine serial number;

- (4) the time of day in hours and minutes in a 24-hour format;
- (5) the current date;
- (6) the program name and revision;
- (7) the value of the prize in numbers;
- (8) the value of the prize in words;
- (9) the sequential ticket number of the ticket voucher;

3. Appendix A, subsection II.E.(1)(d)(xi) is amended to read as follows:

- (xi) (A) if a machine is attached to and communicates electronically with a game transaction management/reporting system, it is not required to have a ticket printer. However, the game transaction management/reporting system must each day collect from the machine the following information:
- (1) the name of the licensed establishment;
 - (2) the name of the city or town or county in which the licensed establishment is located;
 - (3) the serial number or other unique identification number for the machine;
 - (4) the time of day, in hours and minutes in a 24-hour format;
 - (5) the current date;
 - (6) the program name and revision;
 - (7) the electronic meter readings or dollar amounts of electronic meters.
- (B) if a machine is not attached to a game transaction management/reporting system, the machine must issue by activation of an external key switch, an accounting ticket containing a performance synopsis of the machine and progressive accounting data if applicable. The printing of all totals from the electronic meters shall occur automatically each time access occurs to either the logic compartment or any compartment where

cash is collected. Whenever electronic meters are reset, each machine must produce a full accounting ticket both before and after each resetting. The tickets must contain the information required in subsections (1)(d)(xi)(A)(1) through (7) of this subsection IIE.

STATE OF MONTANA

CROW TRIBE

By Marc Racicot
MARC RACICOT, Governor

By Clara Nomee
CLARA NOME, Tribal Chair
Joe Pelton - Vice Chair
Date: 3-11-98

Date: 3-19-98

SECOND AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE CROW INDIAN TRIBE AND THE
STATE OF MONTANA CONCERNING CLASS III GAMING

This is the second amendment to that certain document entitled "Agreement Between the Crow Indian Tribe and the State of Montana Concerning Class III Gaming," executed by the Tribe on March 24, 1993, and by the State on March 25, 1993, as amended by both parties on June 21, 1993 (hereinafter the "Agreement").

Pursuant to Article XI.B. of the Agreement generally providing for amendment with the consent of both parties, the Agreement is hereby amended as follows:

Appendix A, Section II.E. (1)(d)(vii)(A) is amended in part, to delete the words "which has been approved by the State of Montana" from the fourth and fifth lines.

STATE OF MONTANA

By Marc Racicot
MARC RACICOT, Governor

Date 3-19-98

CROW TRIBE

By Clara Nomee
CLARA NOME, Tribal Chair
Joe Pihl - Vice-Chairman
Date 3-11-98

APPROVED:

SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR

By _____

Date _____

THIRD AMENDMENT TO AND EXTENSION OF THE AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE CROW TRIBE OF MONTANA AND
THE STATE OF MONTANA CONCERNING CLASS III GAMING

This document is the third amendment to the "Agreement Between the Crow Indian Tribe of Montana and the State of Montana Concerning Class III Gaming" (hereafter, "Agreement") approved by the Secretary of the Interior on June 12, 1998, and executed by the Tribe and the State on March 11, 1998 and March 19, 1998 respectively. The parties hereby agree to extend the term of the current Agreement to March 19, 2004, for purposes of engaging in good faith negotiations during this time without any lapse in gaming. Further, the parties agree to allow the Tribe to offer video gaming machine maximum payouts of \$1500, and to offer for play video gaming machines that offer more than one game on one machine, and that have coin hopper/thermal printer configuration. Other than as expressly amended herein, the original Agreement remains in full force and effect.

Pursuant to Article XI.B of the Agreement generally providing for amendment in writing and with the consent of both parties, the Agreement is hereby amended in part as follows:

1. Section XI. MISCELLANEOUS TERMS, SECTION A., is amended to extend the term of the Agreement to March 19, 2004. All other terms of Section XI. Section A. remain the same.

2. Appendix A. VIDEO GAMBLING MACHINES, SECTION I. DEFINITIONS, paragraph D. is amended in part to read as follows:

D. "Video gambling machine" means a bingo machine, draw poker machine or a keno machine *or any combination of poker, keno and bingo games within the same video gambling machine cabinet if the video gambling machine is capable of being connected to the automated accounting and reporting system provided in 23-5-637 MCA.*

3. Appendix A. VIDEO GAMBLING MACHINES, SECTION II. CONDITIONS, is amended in part to read as follows:

- A. Prizes may be awarded only in the form of free games, credits, or cash. A prize may not exceed the value of \$1,500 for each individual award.
- B. Video gambling machines within tribal premises may be connected in a progressive bank provided the prize limit for the progressive bank does not exceed \$1,500.

4. Appendix A. VIDEO GAMBLING MACHINES, SECTION II. CONDITIONS, subsection II.E. (1) (d) (vii) (Second Amendment) is amended in part to read as follows:

(vii) the machine must:

- A) utilize a coin drop hopper and be monitored by a game transaction management/reporting system of the type described in paragraph (1) (d) (xi) (A);
or
- B) *utilize a coin drop hopper in combination with a ticket printer to print a valid ticket voucher for any credits over the maximum dispensed from the coin hopper. The ticket printer must also be capable of printing all applicable accounting information required by the State per subsection IIE (1) (d) (xi) (A) (1) through (7).*
- C) *have no coin drop hopper and be capable of printing a ticket voucher for all credits owed the player at the completion of each game, in which event a valid ticket must contain the following:*
 - (1) the name of the licensed establishment;
 - (2) the name of the city or town or county in which the licensed establishment is located;
 - (3) the machine serial number;
 - (4) the time of day in hours and minutes in a 24-hour format;
 - (5) the current date;
 - (6) the program name and revision;
 - (7) the value of the prize in numbers;
 - (8) the value of the prize in words;
 - (9) the sequential ticket number of the ticket voucher;

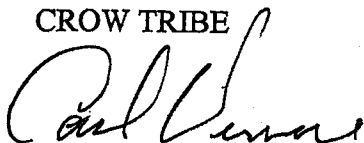
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All other terms and conditions of the Agreement remain in full force and effect and shall govern the conditions of Class III gaming on the Reservation until March 19, 2004, or until a revised or new compact has been executed by the parties, whichever first occurs.

Montana and the Tribe indicate their consent to be bound to this Extension and Amendment by signature of their authorized representatives below.

CROW TRIBE




Carl Venne, Chairman

STATE OF MONTANA



JUDY MARTZ, Governor

Approved Pursuant to Montana Code Annotated § 18-11-105 (2001).



MIKE McGRATH, Attorney General
State of Montana

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October 1, 2002

Vincent Goes Ahead Jr., Chairman
Crow Tribal Council
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Re: Notice of Less Restrictive State Rules

Dear Chairman Goes Ahead:

The Class III Gaming Compact entered into by the state of Montana and the Crow Tribe provides under Article XI, Paragraph D, notice to the Tribe and amendment to the Compact if the state adopts limits or restrictions "less restrictive than those set forth in this Agreement."

This letter is formal notice that effective September 13, 2002, video gambling machines "may have a machine that accepts cash in the form of bills that do not exceed \$20." Enclosed is a copy of the rule for your review.

Should you have questions, please contact Gene Huntington, Administrator of the Gambling Control Division, at 406.444.9135.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Judy Martz".

JUDY MARTZ
Governor

Enclosure

c: Sarah Bond, Assistant Attorney General
Gene Huntington, Administrator, Gambling Control Div.

FOURTH AMENDMENT TO AND EXTENSION OF
THE AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE CROW TRIBE OF MONTANA AND
THE STATE OF MONTANA CONCERNING CLASS III GAMING

This document is the fourth amendment to the "Agreement Between the Crow Indian Tribe of Montana and the State of Montana Concerning Class III Gaming" (hereafter, "Agreement") approved by the Secretary of the Interior on June 12, 1998, and executed by the Tribe and the State on March 11, 1998 and March 19, 1998 respectively. The parties have previously extended the Agreement to March 19, 2004 with the third amendment approved by the Secretary of the Interior on February 12, 2003. The parties hereby agree to extend the term of the current Agreement to June 1, 2004, for purposes of engaging in good faith negotiations during this time without any lapse in gaming.

Pursuant to Article XLB of the Agreement generally providing for amendment in writing and with the consent of both parties, the Agreement is hereby amended in part as follows:

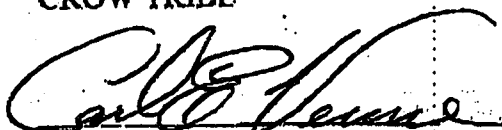
Section XI. MISCELLANEOUS TERMS, SECTION A., is amended to extend the term of the Agreement to June 1, 2004. All other terms of Section XI. Section A., remain the same.

All other terms and conditions of the Agreement remain in full force and effect and shall govern the conditions of Class III gaming on the Reservation until June 1, 2004, or until a revised or new compact has been executed by the parties.

Montana and the Tribe indicate their consent to be bound to this Extension and Amendment by signature of their authorized representatives below.

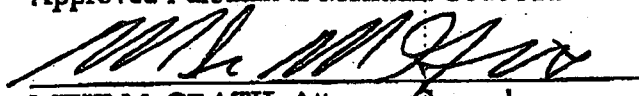
CROW TRIBE

STATE OF MONTANA


CARL VENNE, Chairman


JUDY MARTZ, Governor

Approved Pursuant to Montana Code Annotated § 18-11-105 (2003)


MIKE McGRATH, Attorney General
State of Montana

APPROVED:
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

BY: _____ DATED: _____, 2004
DAVID ANDERSON, Assistant Secretary--Bureau of Indian Affairs

**FIFTH EXTENSION TO THE AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE CROW TRIBE OF MONTANA AND
THE STATE OF MONTANA CONCERNING CLASS III GAMING**

This document is the fifth extension to the "Agreement Between the Crow Indian Tribe of Montana and the State of Montana Concerning Class III Gaming" (hereafter, "Agreement") approved by the Secretary of the Interior on June 12, 1998 and executed by the Tribe and the State on March 11, 1998 and March 19, 1998, respectively. The parties have previously extended the agreement several times. The parties hereby agree to extend the term of the current Agreement to July 1, 2005, or until another compact is executed, to allow the Tribe to continue their gaming operations while the parties engage in good faith negotiations for additional compact terms.

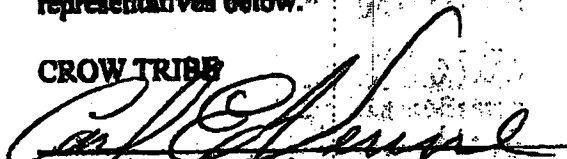
In furtherance of good relations and mutual cooperation between the parties, the parties hereby amend the Agreement, pursuant to Art. XI, B, generally providing for amendment in writing and with the consent of both parties, as follows:

Section XI MISCELLANEOUS TERMS, SECTION A., is amended to extend the term of the Agreement to July 1, 2005, or until another compact is executed. All other terms of Section XI, Section A., remain the same.

All other terms and conditions of the Agreement remain in full force and effect and shall govern the conditions of Class III gaming on the Reservation until July 1, 2005, or until a revised or new compact has been executed by the parties.

Montana and the Tribe indicate their consent to be bound to this Extension of their authorized representatives below.

CROW TRIBE


CARL VENNE, Chairman


DATE 5/25/04

STATE OF MONTANA


JUDY MARTZ, Governor


DATE 5/25/04

Approved Pursuant to Montana Code Annotated § 18-11-105 (2001).


MIKE McGRATH, Attorney General, State of Montana

DATE 5/18/04

APPROVED: DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

BY: 
DAVID ANDERSON, Assistant Secretary - Bureau of Indian Affairs

DATED: July 27, 2004

Auneen M. Martin, Principal Deputy Assistant Secy-2A

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
STATE OF MONTANA

BRIAN SCHWEITZER
GOVERNOR



JOHN BOHLINGER
LT. GOVERNOR

November 14, 2005

Carl Venne, Chairman
Crow Tribe
P.O. Box 159
Crow Agency, Montana 59022

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DEPT. OF JUSTICE
GAMBLING CONTROL DIVISION

RE: Notice of Less Restrictive State Requirements

Dear Chairman Venne,

The Class III Gaming Compact entered into by the State of Montana and the Crow Tribe provides under Article XI, Paragraph D., for notification of the Tribe and amendment to the Compact if the State adopts limits or restrictions "less restrictive than those set forth in this Agreement."

This letter is to provide notice to the Tribes that the 2005 Legislature approved Senate Bill 84 that provided for clarification of restrictions on video gambling machines in relation to bonus games and video poker games. The Department of Justice has adopted rules that define bonus games and poker games that may be approved as software for video gambling machines. The most significant references to these changes are found at Administrative Rules of Montana, 23.16.1802 (24) (definition of video poker) and 23.16.1910A (general rules on bonus games).

The Compact provides that the State shall provide notice to the Tribe and that the "Agreement shall be deemed amended to include such less restrictive provisions."

If you have questions about this matter, please contact Gene Huntington, Administrator of the Gambling Control Division (444 - 9135).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "B. Schweitzer".
Brian Schweitzer
Governor

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Deanne Sandholm

**SIXTH AMENDMENT TO AND EXTENSION OF THE AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE CROW TRIBE OF MONTANA AND
THE STATE OF MONTANA CONCERNING CLASS III GAMING**

This document is the sixth amendment and extension to the "Agreement Between the Crow Indian Tribe of Montana and the State of Montana Concerning Class III Gaming" (hereafter, "Agreement") approved by the Secretary of the Interior on June 12, 1998, and executed by the Tribe and the State on March 11, 1998, and March 19, 1998, respectively.

The parties hereby agree to extend the term of the current Agreement to July 1, 2010. Further, the parties agree that pari-mutuel wagering on horse races shall be included in this compact, as provided below.

Pursuant to Article XI.B of the Agreement, which generally provides for amendment in writing and with the consent of both parties, the Agreement is hereby amended as follows:

Section XI. MISCELLANEOUS TERMS, SECTION A., is amended to extend the term of the Agreement to July 1, 2010, or until a revised or new compact has been executed by the parties. All other terms of Section XI. Section A., remain the same.

Article V, PERMITTED GAMING, subparagraph B, is amended to read: "Parimutuel wagering on live or simulcast horse racing when conducted in compliance with the provisions of Appendix B."

2. Appendix B. SIMULCAST RACING is revised to read, in its entirety:

**APPENDIX B
PARIMUTUEL WAGERING ON LIVE OR SIMULCAST HORSE RACING**

I. DEFINITIONS

A. "Parimutuel Wagering" means the parimutuel system of betting on horse races as authorized under the Rules and Procedures of the Crow Board of Horse Racing and consistent with ARM 32.28.1601 through 32.28.1622.

B. "Simulcast Racing" means a live broadcast of an actual horse race at the time it is run. The term includes races of local or national prominence.

II. CONDITIONS

A. Parimutuel wagering on live or simulcast horse racing conducted by the Crow Board of Horse Racing may be conducted at any location within the exterior boundaries of the Crow Indian Reservation.

B. Simulcast racing regulated by the Tribe must:

1. be with a network approved by the Crow Board of Horse Racing to operate within the Reservation; and
2. not pay any state and local tax assessment but shall pay other standard fees charged by the network.

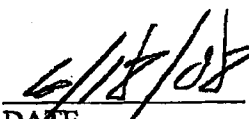
C. Live horse races shall be scheduled so as to serve the best interest of horse racing and breeding within the State of Montana.

D. Parimutuel wagering on live horse races shall be conducted under rules and regulations adopted by the Crow Board of Horse Racing. Such rules and regulations must maintain a uniform regulatory climate that guarantees the neutrality and validity of every race, protects the health, safety and welfare of race personnel and livestock, and insures the fairness and integrity of the parimutuel wagering system. Such rules and regulations must be at least as restrictive as the provisions under Admin. R. Mont. 32.28.801 through 32.28.809, 32.28.1101 through 32.28.1104, 32.28.1401, 32.28.1501 through 1503, and 32.28.1601 through 32.28.1622. See generally, 25 U.S.C. 2710(d)(2)(A), and 25 C.F.R. § 542.11.


Montana and the Tribe indicate their consent to be bound to this Amendment and Extension through the signatures of their authorized representatives affixed below.

CROW TRIBE


CARL E. VENNE, Chairman


DATE

STATE OF MONTANA


BRIAN SCHWEITZER, Governor

DATE

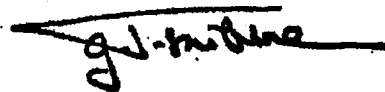
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MIKE MCGRATH, Attorney General, State of Montana

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DATE

Consistent with 25 U.S.C.A. Sec. 2710 (d)(8), the Sixth Amendment of the Agreement between the Crow Tribe of Montana and the State of Montana Concerning Class III Gaming, dated JUN 27 2008, is hereby approved on this 26 day of August, 2008, by the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy and Economic Development, United States Department of the Interior.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR


BY: _____
George T. Skibine
Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for
Policy and Economic Development

Dated: AUG 26 2008



5-7-09 cc: Sarah Bond
Rick Ask
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Honorable Brian Schweitzer
Governor, State of Montana
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Dear Governor Schweitzer:

On March 27, 2009, we received the Seventh Amendment to the Agreement between the Crow Tribe of Montana (Tribe) and the State of Montana (State) concerning Class III Gaming, (Amendment), executed on March 20, 2009.

We have completed our review of this Amendment and conclude that it does not violate the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act of 1988 (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. Therefore, pursuant to my delegated authority and Section 11 of IGRA, we approve the Amendment. This Amendment 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.

A similar letter is being sent to the Honorable Cedric Black Eagle, Interim Chairman, Crow Tribe. We wish the Tribe and the State continued success in their economic venture.

Sincerely,

George T. Skibine
Deputy Assistant Secretary
For Policy and Economic Development
Office of the Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs

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**SEVENTH AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE CROW TRIBE OF MONTANA AND
THE STATE OF MONTANA CONCERNING CLASS III GAMING**

This document is the seventh amendment to the "Agreement Between the Crow Indian Tribe of Montana and the State of Montana Concerning Class III Gaming" (hereafter, "Agreement") approved by the Secretary of the Interior on June 12, 1998, and executed by the Tribe and the State on March 11, 1998, and March 19, 1998, respectively.

Pursuant to Article XI.B of the Agreement, which generally provides for amendment in writing and with the consent of both parties, the Agreement is hereby amended as follows:

1. Section VI. (E.) is amended to read as follows:

No more than Four Hundred (400) tribally owned Class III machines, as defined in Appendix A, Video Gambling Machines, shall be available for play on the Crow Indian Reservation.

2. Section VI.(F.) is amended to read as follows:

The tribally-owned gambling operation(s) providing for the play of Class III video gambling machines and/or live keno may be located anywhere within the exterior boundaries of the Crow Reservation. Tribally-owned gambling operations may be open twenty-four hours a day if allowed by the approved tribal gaming ordinance.

3. New Section VI.(G.) reads in its entirety as follows:

No prize awarded for Class III gambling at tribally-owned premises may exceed the value of Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00) for each award.

4. New Section VI.(H.) reads in its entirety as follows:

No more than Five Dollars (\$5.00) may be wagered per play on a tribally owned machine, as defined and set out in Appendix A.

5. **APPENDIX A. VIDEO GAMBLING MACHINES, SECTION II. CONDITIONS**, is revised to read in its entirety as follows:

**APPENDIX A
VIDEO GAMBLING MACHINES**

1. TECHNICAL STANDARDS FOR ELECTRONIC GAMES OF CHANCE

- a. The State and the Tribe agree that all class III electronic games of chance will comply with the technical standards of the Montana Department of Justice, Gambling Control Division as set out in the Administrative Rules of Montana 23.16.1901 through 23.16.1911, 23.16.1920 and where applicable the definitions in 23.16.1802, subject to the exceptions as set forth in section II below.
- b. The State and the Tribe agree that the State will timely notify the Tribe of any subsequent changes to the above listed Administrative rules of Montana and upon such notification said changes will become a part of Appendix A by reference.

II. EXCEPTIONS to the TECHNICAL STANDARDS for ELECTRONIC GAMES of CHANCE


- a. Any definitions of bingo or electronic bingo that are electronic, computer or other technological aids to the Class II game of bingo, as defined by IGRA or Rules of the National Indian Gaming Commission (25 CFR Part 502).
- b. Any definitions or rules relating to the licensing or permitting of video gambling machine owners or operators.
- c. A video gambling machine authorized under this agreement shall be tested and approved by the Tribe before placement on the Reservation. Any gambling device approved and licensed by the Tribe under this agreement must meet all technical requirements as set forth in the Administrative Rules of Montana as referenced in Section 1 of this Appendix. The Tribe may contract with the State for certification and inspection of video gambling machines under a contract separate and apart from this Agreement.

III. MINIMUM INTERNAL CONTROL STANDARDS

The Tribe agrees to follow the model Minimum Internal Control Standards used by the National Indian Gaming Commission unless the parties agree in writing to a simpler standard that will protect the fairness and integrity of the particular game or activity.


Montana and the Tribe indicate their consent to be bound to this Amendment through the signatures of their authorized representatives affixed below.

CROW TRIBE


CEDRIC BLACK EAGLE, Interim Chairman

3/20/09
DATE

STATE OF MONTANA


BRIAN SCHWEITZER, Governor

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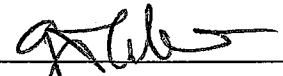
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STEVE BULLOCK, Attorney General, State of Montana

3/19/09
DATE

Consistent with 25 U.S.C. Sec. 2710 (d)(8), the Seventh Amendment of the Agreement between the Crow Tribe of Montana and the State of Montana Concerning Class III Gaming, dated 3-20-09, is hereby approved on this 14th day of April, 2009, by the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy and Economic Development, United States Department of the Interior.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

BY: 
George T. Skibine
Deputy Assistant Secretary for
Policy and Economic Development

Dated: 4-14-09

provide services to the gaming facility; and provides for dispute resolution over any breaches of this Compact.

Dated: April 13, 2009.

George T. Skibine,

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy and Economic Development.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Indian Affairs

Indian Gaming

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of amendment to approved Tribal-State compact.

SUMMARY: This notice publishes the approval of the Seventh Amendment to the Agreement between the Crow Tribe of Montana and the State of Montana Concerning Class III Gaming.

DATES: *Effective Date:* April 22, 2009.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Paula Hart, Acting Director, Office of Indian Gaming, Office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary—Policy and Economic Development, Washington, DC 20240, (202) 219-4066.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to section 11 of the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act of 1988 (IGRA), Public Law 100-497, 25 U.S.C. 2710, the Secretary of the Interior shall publish in the **Federal Register** notice of the approved Tribal-State compacts for the purpose of engaging in Class III gaming activities on Indian lands. This Amendment increases the number of Class III video gambling machines available for play to 400; allows for Tribal gaming operations to be located anywhere on the reservation; increases the prize limit for Class III gaming to \$2,000.00; increases the wager limit on Tribally owned machines to \$5.00; and sets out the technical and internal control standards for Class III gaming machines on the reservation.

Dated: April 15, 2009.

George T. Skibine,

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy and Economic Development.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Indian Affairs

Rate Adjustments for Indian Irrigation Projects

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of rate adjustments.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) owns, or has an interest in, irrigation projects located on or associated with various Indian reservations throughout the United States. We are required to establish irrigation assessment rates to recover the costs to administer, operate, maintain, and rehabilitate these projects. We are notifying you that we have adjusted the irrigation assessment rates at several of our irrigation projects and facilities to reflect current costs of administration, operation, maintenance, and rehabilitation.

DATES: *Effective Date:* The irrigation assessment rates shown in the tables as final are effective as of January 1, 2009.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For details about a particular BIA irrigation project or facility, please use the tables in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section to contact the regional or local office where the project or facility is located.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: A Notice of Proposed Rate Adjustment was published in the **Federal Register** on October 30, 2008 (73 FR 64629) to propose adjustments to the irrigation assessment rates at several BIA irrigation projects. The public and interested parties were provided an opportunity to submit written comments during the 60-day period that ended December 29, 2008.

Did the BIA defer or change any proposed rate increases?

Yes. At the Fort Belknap, Fort Peck, and Uintah Irrigation Projects, the project operations and maintenance (O&M) has been contracted by the water users and/or tribes. Based on the budget submitted by the water users at Fort Belknap, the rate was only raised to \$14.75 instead of \$20.00 per acre. Based on the budget submitted by the water users at Fort Peck, the rate was only raised to \$24.00 instead of \$25.75 per acre. Based on the budget submitted by the water users at Uintah, the rate is raised to \$15.00 instead of the previously proposed \$13.70 per acre.

Did the BIA receive any comments on the proposed irrigation assessment rate adjustments?

Written comments were received related to the proposed rate adjustments for the San Carlos Irrigation Project—Joint Works, the Wapato Irrigation Project, and the Wind River Irrigation Project.

What issues were of concern to the commenters?

Individuals and entities commenting on the proposed rates raised concerns about one or more of the following issues: (1) How funds are expended for O&M costs; (2) the BIA's trust responsibility for projects; (3) the BIA's responsibility to enhance idle land tracts to make them productive; (4) the efficiencies of contracting with water users groups to perform O&M to save costs; and (5) how rate increases impact the local agricultural economy and individual land owners.

Commenters raised concerns specific to the Wind River Irrigation Project (WRIP), asserting that: (1) The BIA is responsible for delivery of the full amount of water quantified in the Big Horn Decree; (2) the WRIP should not be considered self-supporting for irrigation O&M funding and requires Federal assistance; and (3) the Eastern Shoshone and Northern Arapaho Tribes and their members should not be subsidizing non-Indian lessee water users.

A commenter raised concerns specific to the San Carlos Irrigation Project—Joint Works, asserting that: (1) The number of BIA personnel required to operate and maintain the project is too high; (2) the BIA should maintain the project wells; (3) anticipated project expenses for FY 2010 will be higher; and (4) the BIA is budgeting too much for emergency reserves.

The Yakama Nation raised concerns specific to the Wapato Irrigation Project, stating that the Yakama Nation does not believe that the BIA has authority to charge the Yakama Nation and its members irrigation O&M charges as provided in this notice.

How does the BIA respond to concerns regarding how funds are expended for O&M costs?

The BIA considers the following expenses when determining an irrigation project's budget: Project personnel costs; materials and supplies; vehicle and equipment repairs; equipment; capitalization expenses; acquisition expenses; rehabilitation costs; maintenance of a reserve fund for contingencies or emergencies; and other expenses that we determine are