OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

MARYLAND STATE LOTTERY AND GAMING CONTROL AGENCY

TO:

Maryland Lottery and Gaming Control Commission

Gordon Medenica, Director

FROM:

Robert T. Fontaine, Assistant Attorney General ATF/HKC

DATE:

January 15, 2019

SUBJECT:

Report for the January Commission Meeting

This is a status update of ongoing and special projects in the Office of the Attorney General.

I. Contracts, Human Resources, and Administrative

a. Key accomplishments last period:

- i. Reviewed several contracts for the Communications Division for promotion of public affairs events.
- ii. Reviewed several contracts for the Marketing Division.
- iii. Reviewed various employment issues and documents for the Human Resources Division, and assisted Staff in resolving several issues.
- iv. Filed several liens against retailers on behalf of the AFO Division.
- v. At a hearing before the District Court for Prince George's County on December 12, 2018, the Court granted our motion to dismiss a motor vehicle lawsuit brought against a Lottery employee who was the driver of a State vehicle involved in an accident. The lawsuit was filed in Prince George's County District Court and seeks \$15,000 in damages. The appeal period to challenge the dismissal has expired with no appeal.
- vi. Assisted Staff in responding to a Public Information Act ("PIA") request from a law firm representing a labor union, seeking records pertaining to the Agency's directive to the State's casinos on releasing casino surveillance recordings.
- vii. With Staff, attended a fact-finding conference concerning a Maryland Commission on Civil Rights Complaint filed by a Lottery employee. The employee withdrew her complaint during the conference.

b. Upcoming tasks for this period:

- i. Assist Staff with contract-related matters.
- ii. Assist Staff in responding to PIA requests from: (1) a reporter seeking a copy of a database containing winners' names, prizes, and retailer information; and (2) an individual seeking a list of prizes and amounts that have not been claimed.

c. <u>Issues:</u>

i. N/A

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a. Key accomplishments last period:

 Reviewed several requests from Product Development relating to new Lottery scratch-off games.

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- ii. Reviewed several new XCAP Agreements.
- iii. Reviewed several promotions from Product Development.
- iv. Reviewed several contracts for Lottery sponsorship.
- v. Assisted Staff as needed in implementing the award of the Lottery central monitoring and control system contract.
- vi. Continued to assist Creative Services and Communications Divisions in developing and implementing the My Lottery Rewards Program by reviewing procedures for drawings to be performed by SGI.
- vii. Worked with Staff on a license and merchandise agreement for a Baltimore Ravens scratch-off game and second chance promotion.
- viii. Assisted Staff with notifying retailers that the Agency intends to revoke their retailer licenses.
- ix. Assisted Staff in reviewing and addressing specific procurement related questions.

b. <u>Upcoming tasks for this period:</u>

- i. Continue to assist Staff as needed on implementation of the Lottery central monitoring and control system contract.
- ii. Work with Staff on implementing a paperless application process.
- iii. Continue to assist Staff as needed on working with the Mega Millions Consortium on issues related to asserting trademark protections and exploring use of the Mega Million trademark in European sales.
- iv. Work with staff to update the Online Waiver and Release for Second Chance and Points for Drawing Promotions.
- v. Work with Staff to prepare a new Ravens Sponsorship Agreement.
- vi. Work with Staff to prepare license agreements for Skee-ball and Loteria and to finalize an I Love Lucy promotion.
- vii. Assist staff in reviewing proposed change to Cash4Life drawings reflected in the rules.
- viii. Continue to assist Staff as needed on issues associated with the Advertising, Marketing, and Media Related Services RFP.
- ix. Assist Staff with procurement-related matters.

c. Issues:

i. N/A

III. Gaming

a. Key accomplishments last period:

- i. Continued to assist Staff on enforcement and licensing issues associated with casino operations.
- ii. Assisted Staff with preparing and reviewing documents associated the Mandatory Exclusion Program.

b. Upcoming tasks for this period:

i. Continue to assist Staff on enforcement and licensing issues associated with casino operations.

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ii. Develop, for publication on the Agency's website, a chronicle of the work of the Video Lottery Facility Location Commission in awarding the State's six casino licenses.

- iii. Assist Staff with reviewing two recommended revocations where the licensees have requested hearings.
- iv. In the case of a petition for judicial review of the Agency's termination of a temporary video lottery employee license that was filed in the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, we will file an answer to the Petitioner's memorandum. A hearing on the petition is scheduled for February 27, 2019.

c. Issues:

i. N/A

IV. Electronic Gaming Devices

- a. Key accomplishments last period:
 - i. N/A

b. **Upcoming tasks for this period:**

i. Provide advice to Staff as needed concerning the Commission's regulation of electronic gaming devices.

c. <u>Issues:</u>

i. N/A

V. Amusement Gaming Licenses

- a. Key accomplishments last period:
 - i. Assisted staff with reviewing specific applications and addressing questions related to the Family Entertainment Licenses.

b. Upcoming tasks for this period:

- i. Provide advice to Staff as needed concerning the Commission's regulation of amusement gaming licenses.
- ii. Work with Staff on reviewing issues associated with skills-based amusement device registration and licensing.
- iii. Assist Staff with issues associated with operators of electronic gaming devices.

c. Issues:

i. N/A

VI. Fantasy Competition

- a. Key accomplishments last period:
 - i. N/A

b. <u>Upcoming tasks for this period</u>:

i. Assist Staff as needed in implementing the fantasy competition regulations.

c. <u>Issues:</u>

i. N/A

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