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STAFF AGENDA MEMORANDUM

DATE OF MEETING: January 22, 2015

AGENDA ITEM: **New Regulations – Table Games**

36.05.06.19 – Five-card Omaha Poker

36.05.06.20 – Bagudi Poker

PRESENTER: Charles LaBoy, Assistant Director for Gaming

ISSUE SUMMARY: The new regulations allow for two new table games that are variations of Poker.

Five-card Omaha poker derived from Omaha Poker. Each player is dealt five cards and five community cards are dealt face. Each player uses three of the community cards together with two of their hole cards to make the best five-card poker hand.

Badugi originated in Asia and is a variant of draw poker. It differs significantly from most popular poker variants in that the hand ranking system is different. The strongest hands are those that have no pairs and four low cards, one of each suit. This is known as a Badugi.

COMMISSION ACTION REQUIRED/REQUESTED: Approval of the new table games as submitted.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS: Staff recommends approval.