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MARYLAND LOTTERY AND GAMING CONTROL AGENCY

TO: Maryland Lottery and Gaming Control Commission
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SUBJECT: Report for the October Commission Meeting

This is the 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 three contracts for the Communications Division for promotion of public affairs events.
- ii. Reviewed seven Corporate Guaranty documents and seven Financial Responsibility Agreements for 7-11 Lottery retailers.
- iii. Filed liens against four retailers on behalf of the Lottery's AFO Division in the total amount of \$ 59,226.39.
- iv. Reviewed various employment issues and documents for the Human Resources Division, and four Family and Medical Leave Act leave requests.
- v. Resolved case brought before the EEOC by an employee (employee was allowed to transfer to an equivalent position in a different division within the Agency).
- vi. Continued to work with Staff on the draw games RFP.

b. Upcoming tasks for this period:

- i. Review court filings to ensure compliance with applicable status and regulations for judicial approval of the assignment of a lottery prize.
- ii. Assist Staff in implementing changes to the Public Information Act (PIA) that took effect October 1, 2015.
- iii. Attend mediation on case brought before the EEOC by a former employee.
- iv. Continue to assist Staff with draw games RFP.

c. Issues:

- i. N/A

II. Lottery

a. Key accomplishments last period:

- i. Reviewed five requests from Creative Product Development relating to new Lottery scratch-off games and several related promotions.
- ii. Continued to assist Creative Services Division in developing and implementing the *My Lottery Rewards Program* by reviewing rules for new promotions using MLR.
- iii. Worked with Lottery and MUSL Staff on a proposed multi-state Keno jackpot prize.
- iv. Reviewed and submitted comments on proposed changes to Powerball game rules.
- v. Assisted Staff in updating the Lottery retailer application.
- vi. Reviewed documents related to the multistate Cash4Life® game.
- vii. Assisted Staff in responding to PIA request for an individual's winnings.

a. Upcoming tasks for this period:

- b. Continue to work with Staff to update the Lottery retailer application and operationalize Cash4Life® game.

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. Continued to assist Staff in monitoring the impact of Caesars' financial status on Horseshoe Casino Baltimore.
- iii. Assisted Staff in drafting amendments to the Application for inclusion on the Commission's Voluntary Exclusion List.
- iv. Assisted Staff in responding to PIA requests for information about VLT malfunctions.
- v. In the Circuit Court for Cecil County, filed a motion to dismiss a petition judicial review brought by an individual whose sponsored gaming license the Commission revoked for the individual's failure to cooperate with Licensing Staff's attempts to complete his background investigation. A decision is anticipated in December.

b. Upcoming tasks for this period:

- i. Prepare Commission's memorandum in response to a petition for judicial review pending in the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, in an action

brought by an individual whose sponsored gaming license was revoked for failure to cooperate with Licensing Staff's attempts to complete the background investigation.

- ii. Prepare Commission's record in the case of a petition for judicial review brought in the Circuit Court for Baltimore County by an individual whose sponsored gaming license was revoked for her failure to cooperate with Licensing Staff's attempts to complete her background investigation.
- iii. Continue to assist Staff in monitoring the impact of Caesars' financial status on Horseshoe Casino Baltimore.
- iv. Work with Staff as necessary on issues associated with MGM's license award.
- v. Provide assistance as necessary to Staff regarding licensing and enforcement.
- vi. Assist Staff in implementing statutory changes effective October 1, pertaining to the Licensing Division's: (1) consideration of acts of moral turpitude and gambling offenses of which an applicant was not convicted; and (2) termination of a temporary video lottery employee license.

c. Issues

- i. N/A

IV. New Initiatives-Electronic Gaming Devices

a. Key accomplishments last period:

- i. Provided advice to Staff concerning issues associated with the Commission's regulation of electronic gaming devices and skills-based amusement devices.

b. Upcoming tasks for this period:

- i. Continue to provide advice to Staff concerning issues associated with the Commission's regulation of electronic gaming devices and skills-based amusement devices.