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Chairperson
Bear River Band of the
Rohnerville Rancheria
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Dear Chairperson Carroll:

This letter responds to your request to review and approve the tribal gaming ordinance, Ordinance No. 95-04, adopted on October 20, 1995, by the Bear River Band (Tribe). This letter constitutes such approval under the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (IGRA).

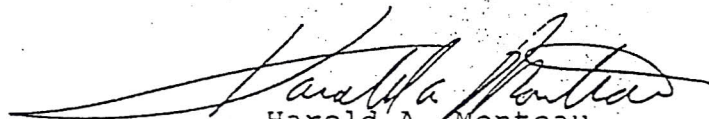
Under the IGRA and the regulations of the National Indian Gaming Commission (NIGC), the Chairman is directed to review ordinances with respect to the requirements of the IGRA and the implementing regulations. Thus, the scope of the Chairman's review and approval is limited to the requirements of the IGRA and the NIGC regulations. Provisions other than those required under the IGRA or the NIGC regulations that may be included in a tribal ordinance are not subject to review and approval. Also, such approval does not constitute approval of specific games. It is important to note that the gaming ordinance is approved for gaming only on Indian lands as defined in the IGRA.

With the Chairman's approval of the Tribe's gaming ordinance, the Tribe is now required to conduct background investigations on its key employees and primary management officials. The NIGC expects to receive a completed application for each key employee and primary management official pursuant to 25 C.F.R. § 556.5(a) and an investigative report on each background investigation before issuing a license to a key employee or primary management official pursuant to 25 C.F.R. § 556.5(b).

The NIGC has been advised by the Bureau of Indian Affairs that the Tribe's only parcel of trust land was acquired after the enactment of the IGRA. Section 2719 of the IGRA generally prohibits gaming on lands acquired in trust after 1988. Please provide the NIGC with some documentation demonstrating that this parcel falls under one of the exceptions to the general prohibition in § 2719 or that the Tribe has other lands which qualify as Indian lands.

Thank you for submitting the ordinance of the Bear River Band of the Rohnerville Rancheria for review and approval. The NIGC staff and I look forward to working with you and the Tribe in implementing the IGRA.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Harold A. Monteau". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Harold A. Monteau
Chairman