

DEMAND FOR ARBITRATION

Respondent: County of Imperial
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Demand for Arbitration

The Quechan Tribe of the Fort Yuma Indian Reservation (Tribe), **Claimant**, hereby issues this demand for arbitration pursuant to Section 10.8.9 of the Tribe's Amendment to the Tribal-State Compact between the State of California and the Quechan Tribe of the Fort Yuma Indian Reservation (Compact) which provides for binding arbitration before a single arbitrator pursuant to the Commercial Arbitration Rules of the American Arbitration Association. A copy of the arbitration provision is attached hereto as Exhibit A. A complete copy of the Compact is attached hereto as Exhibit B.

Nature of Dispute

Pursuant to the Compact, the Tribe and the County of Imperial are to negotiate an Intergovernmental Agreement addressing mitigation for any significant off-reservation impacts which might result from the Tribe's Gaming Operation, including compensation for law enforcement, fire protection and emergency medical services. The Tribe contacted the County in the summer of 2004 to start initial discussions regarding the Intergovernmental Agreement and continued negotiations with the County through the first part of August of this year. At that time, the parties had negotiated what the Tribe believed to be a final agreement which would go before the Board of Supervisors for approval or denial on August 14, 2007. A copy of that agreement is attached hereto Exhibit C. This agreement serves as the Tribe's last, best written offer made during negotiations. (See Compact §10.8.9(a)).

At the Imperial County Board of Supervisors' hearing on August 14, 2007, the Board approved the Agreement with an added provision which required the Tribe to agree to abide by State law in enforcement of child and spousal support orders, despite the fact that such a provision was not contemplated by the Compact. The Tribal Council rejected that additional provision and now requests arbitration pursuant to the Compact.

According to the provisions of the arbitration clause of the Compact, **Respondent** has **5 days** from the date of this demand to submit its last, best written offer made during the negotiations.

Amount of Claim

This claim is for non-monetary damages: the Tribe seeks an executed Intergovernmental Agreement.

The Tribe also will request attorneys' fees and arbitration costs.

Filing Fee

Submitted herewith to the AAA is the Tribe's filing fee of \$3250.00.

Qualifications of Arbitrator

The Tribe requests an arbitrator with knowledge and experience in Federal Indian Law. As a secondary qualification the arbitrator may have knowledge and experience in Federal Indian Gaming Law.

Finally, the arbitrator should be able to meet the compact required timelines of holding the arbitration hearing within thirty (30) days of his or her appointment.

Hearing Locale

Tribal Headquarters or San Diego, CA

Estimated Time needed for Hearing

One day

Type of Business

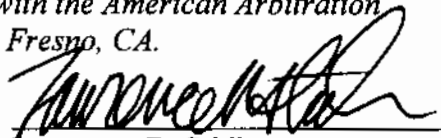
Claimant: Tribal Government

Respondent: County Government

This dispute is not between a business and a consumer and does not arise out of an employment relationship.

Copies of this demand and exhibits are being filed with the American Arbitration Association's Case Management Center, located in Fresno, CA.

Dated: 8/27/07


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