



**MASSACHUSETTS GAMING COMMISSION
PUBLIC MEETING #169**

November 12, 2015
10:30 a.m.

Massachusetts Gaming Commission
101 Federal Street, 12th Floor
Boston, MA



Massachusetts Gaming Commission



NOTICE OF MEETING and AGENDA

November 12, 2015

Pursuant to the Massachusetts Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A, §§ 18-25, notice is hereby given of a meeting of the Massachusetts Gaming Commission. The meeting will take place:

Thursday, November 12, 2015

10:30 a.m.

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PUBLIC MEETING - #169

1. Call to order
2. Approval of Minutes
 - a. October 29, 2015
 - b. November 5, 2015
3. Administration – Karen Wells, Interim Executive Director
 - a. General Update
 - b. MGC Quarterly Budget – D. Lennon, CFAO
 - c. MGC Diversity Statistics – T. Banda, Human Resources Manager
 - d. Compensatory , Flexible Time and Office Closure Policies – T. Banda, Human Resources Manager
4. Ombudsman – John Ziemba
 - a. Mass Gaming & Entertainment, LLC Surrounding Community Petitions Presentations
 - b. 2016 Mitigation Fund Requests Application Process
5. Workforce, Supplier and Diversity Development – Jill Griffin, Director
 - a. Mass Gaming & Entertainment, LLC Impacted Live Entertainment Venue Petitions Presentations
6. Investigations and Enforcement Bureau – Karen Wells, Director
 - a. Plainridge Park Casino Performance Metrics – B. Band, Gaming Agents Division Chief and P. Connelly, Director of Licensing
 - b. Temporary License Update
 - c. Key Gaming Executive License - **VOTE**

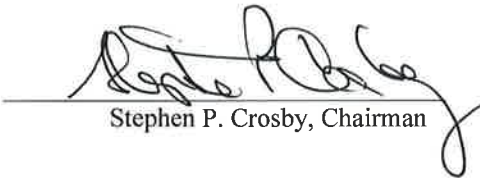


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7. Information Technology Division – John Glennon, Chief Information Officer
 - a. Skill Based Electronic Gaming Devices – Regulation Changes – T. Grossman, Deputy General Counsel and F. Barroga- Manager of Gaming Technology
 - b. CMS Update
8. Research and Responsible Gaming – Mark Vander Linden, Director
 - a. Play Management Timeline Update
9. Racing Division – Alex Lightbown, Director
 - a. 2016 Racing License Determinations - VOTE
10. Other business – reserved for matters the Chair did not reasonably anticipate at the time of posting.

I certify that on this date, this Notice was posted as “Gaming Commission Meeting” at www.massgaming.com and emailed to: regs@sec.state.ma.us, melissa.andrade@state.ma.us.

11/10/15
(Date)


Stephen P. Crosby, Chairman

Date Posted to Website: November 10, 2015 at 10:30 a.m.



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Meeting Minutes

Date/Time: October 29, 2015 – 10:30 a.m.

Place: Massachusetts Gaming Commission
Hynes Convention Center
900 Boylston Street, Room 312
Boston, Massachusetts

Present: Chairman Stephen P. Crosby
Commissioner Gayle Cameron
Commissioner James F. McHugh
Commissioner Bruce Stebbins
Commissioner Enrique Zuniga

**Time entries are linked to
corresponding section in
Commission meeting video**

Call to Order

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[10:31 a.m.](#) Chairman Crosby called to order the 167th Commission Meeting.

Approval of Minutes

See transcript page 2

[10:31 a.m.](#) *Commissioner McHugh moved for the approval of the October 15, 2015 minutes with reservation of power to correct mechanical and typographical errors. Motion seconded by Commissioner Zuniga. Chairman Crosby abstained from the vote as he was absent from the meeting. Motion passed unanimously.*

Ombudsman

See transcript pages 3-107

[10:32 a.m.](#) Ombudsman John Ziemba provided an update on the Region C RFA-2 evaluation process which included the following: a letter was sent to Mass Gaming and Entertainment (“MGE”) stating that their RFA-2 application is complete, additional non-confidential MGE documents will be put up on

the MGC website, MGE will make a 90 minute presentation to the Commission on November 5th, and surrounding community and ILEV (Impacted Live Entertainment Venue) petitioners will make their presentation to the Commission on November 12th. Ombudsman Ziemba also thanked the Pinck & Co. team for their assistance with the reviews.

- [10:42 a.m.](#) Robert DeSalvio, President of Wynn MA, LLC, acknowledged Commissioner McHugh's last Commission meeting and thanked him for his service to the Commonwealth.
- [10:43 a.m.](#) Project Manager Chris Gordon and President DeSalvio presented on the Wynn Quarterly Report which included permitting, site remediation, design, off-site infrastructure, site preparation, project schedule, project resources and diversity, community events and outreach.
- [11:05 a.m.](#) President DeSalvio presented on the Wynn design review and highlighted building angle views, site and landscaping plan, ADA access, turn around lane, casino floor plan, hotel tower floor plan, and parking garage. President DeSalvio also responded to questions raised by the Commissioners pertaining to water taxi dock area, building height, lighting view, nightclub elimination, and outdoor event space.
- [11:41 a.m.](#) President DeSalvio provided a program update which included spa area, retail stores, food and beverage operations, glass walkway, parking changes and Orange Line subsidy.
- [11:54 a.m.](#) Rick Moore, representing City Point Partners, noted that Wynn has addressed their concerns and the types of changes discussed by Wynn are modest, and a normal part of the process as you move to a more detailed design.
- [11:59 a.m.](#) The Commission took a short recess.
- [12:12 p.m.](#) The meeting resumed.
- [12:12 p.m.](#) Ombudsman Ziemba provided a brief outline of MGM's design review process and recommended schedule for MGM to present on their notice of project change. He also noted that there will be a dedicated space on the MGC website to post information and receive comments pertaining to MGM Springfield and the proposed design changes.

Racing Division

See transcript pages 107-111

- [12:27 p.m.](#) Dr. Alexandra Lightbown, Director of Racing, reported on recommendation to approve request from the Massachusetts Thoroughbred Breeders Association to race at Finger Lakes in New York.

[12:29 p.m.](#) *Commissioner Stebbins moved that the Commission approve the request of the Massachusetts Thoroughbred Breeders Association to run five restricted Massachusetts bred races at Finger Lakes Racecourse in New York in 2015 after the nine stake races at Suffolk Downs is complete. Motion seconded by Commissioner Cameron. Motion passed unanimously.*

[12:29 p.m.](#) Racing Director Lightbown reported on a request from Suffolk Downs to change post time on October 31st to 11:05 a.m.

[12:30 p.m.](#) Racing Director Lightbown reported on the dates for the public hearings on the 2016 horse racing license applications: Plainridge Park Casino - November 4th, Brockton and Middleborough Agricultural Society - November 4th, and Suffolk Downs - November 5th.

[12:31 p.m.](#) The Commission recessed for lunch.

[1:08 p.m.](#) The meeting resumed.

Fantasy Sports

See transcript pages 112-169

[1:08 p.m.](#) Chairman Crosby noted that the Commission is neither a decision maker nor a regulator of fantasy sports at this point. He stated the Commission has an interest in the gaming world, experience in introducing a new gaming industry, experience in regulations, and interests in looking out for the health of the lottery and our licensees. Chairman Crosby also noted Commissioner McHugh's interest in internet-based gaming.

[1:12 pm.](#) Commissioner McHugh presented a summary of his memorandum on internet gaming which included the status of internet gaming in the United States and Europe, initial concerns, and the different types of internet gambling, such as – casino style gambling, social gaming, skill-based betting, sports betting, and fantasy sports.

[1:34 p.m.](#) Staff Attorney Justin Stempeck presented on a survey of Massachusetts gaming law and federal statutory frameworks pertaining to fantasy sports.

[1:45 p.m.](#) Commissioner Gayle Cameron stated that she recently attended the International Gaming Regulators conference in which fantasy sports was a prominent topic. Commissioner Cameron noted that some concerns raised at the conference included the following: credibility and integrity of fantasy sports, player fairness, group play, insider information, licensing, background checks, no outside auditor, money laundering, responsible gaming, legal concerns, consumer protection, and unregulated advertising. Commissioner Cameron stated that she believes this is an area that should be regulated as she has seen the harm with illegal sports betting.

- [1:52 p.m.](#) Commissioner Zuniga noted that there are enough similarities in fantasy sports to other forms of gambling to merit regulation. He also stated that credit and responsible gaming should be looked at.
- [1:59 p.m.](#) Commissioner McHugh noted that gaming regulations protect the fairness and integrity of play for the consumer, protect the investment the Commonwealth receives, and create consumer confidence. He also noted that oversight is needed for large sums of money being transferred from one person to another.
- [2:02 p.m.](#) Commissioner Stebbins expressed concern about recent statements within the industry to self-monitor and a lack of a complaint process. Commissioner Stebbins stated there is a need to bring in subject matter experts to guide the Commission.
- [2:08 p.m.](#) Chairman Crosby stated that we need to think about this industry and determine if it requires regulation or just consumer protection. Chairman Crosby also stated that they will put together a white paper to address if this should be regulated and if so, why. Chairman Crosby acknowledged Richard Johnston, General Counsel for the Attorney General, who was present at the Commission meeting

Other Business Not Reasonably Anticipated

See transcript pages 169-178

- [2:17 p.m.](#) Chairman Crosby noted that it is Commissioner McHugh's last day.
- [2:18 p.m.](#) Attorney Richard Johnston, representing Attorney General Maura Healy, thanked Commissioner McHugh for his years of service on the Gaming Commission, for his commitment to public service, and wished him well in his retirement.
- [2:19 p.m.](#) Commissioner McHugh stated that his tenure with the Commission has been an incredibly rewarding journey. He stated that he took the position because it was an opportunity to build a first class public agency. He acknowledged the Commissioners and leadership staff, provided a summary of their professional accomplishments, and stated he was proud to have worked with them.
- [2:27 p.m.](#) *Having no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Zuniga and passed unanimously.*

List of Documents and Other Items Used

1. Massachusetts Gaming Commission, Notice of Meeting and Agenda dated October 29, 2015
2. Massachusetts Gaming Commission, Draft Meeting Minutes dated October 15, 2015
3. Massachusetts Gaming Commission, Region C Southeastern Massachusetts Estimated Category 1 (Resort Casino) Timeline, last updated October 13, 2015, with attachments
4. Wynn Everett Quarterly Report as of September 30, 2015 and Design Review
5. Letter from MGM to the City of Springfield, dated October 26, 2015 regarding Design Changes
6. Letter from Salvatore Circosta to the Massachusetts Gaming Commission, dated October 27, 2015 regarding Springfield MGM Casino Project with attachment
7. MGM Springfield, Notice of Project Change, dated October 15, 2015
8. Massachusetts Gaming Commission, Memorandum dated October 26, 2015 regarding Massachusetts Thoroughbred Breeders Association Request to Race at Finger Lakes Racecourse in New York, with attachment
9. Letter from the Massachusetts Gaming Commission's Racing Division to Suffolk Downs, dated October 21, 2015 regarding Approval to Change Post-time.
10. Massachusetts Gaming Commission, Racing Division's Notice of Public Hearing regarding Brockton Agricultural Society- Racing License Application
11. Massachusetts Gaming Commission, Racing Division's Notice of Public Hearing regarding Middleborough Agricultural Society – Racing License Application
12. Massachusetts Gaming Commission, Racing Division's Notice of Public Hearing regarding Plainridge Park Casino - Racing License Application
13. Massachusetts Gaming Commission, Racing Division's Notice of Public Hearing regarding Suffolk Downs - Racing License Application
14. Massachusetts Gaming Commission, Legal Division, Memorandum dated October 23, 2015 regarding Daily Fantasy Sports
15. Massachusetts Gaming Commission, Commissioner McHugh's Memorandum dated October 26, 2015 regarding Internet Gaming
16. Email from Justin Evans to the Massachusetts Gaming Commission, dated October 26, 2015 regarding Daily Fantasy Sports
17. Letter from Stop Predatory Gambling and the Public Health Advocacy Institute at Northeastern University to the Massachusetts Gaming Commission, dated October 26, 2015 regarding Daily Fantasy Sports

/s/ Catherine Blue

Catherine Blue, Assistant Secretary



Meeting Minutes

Date/Time: November 5, 2015 – 10:30 a.m.

Place: Massachusetts Gaming Commission
Boston Convention and Exhibition Center
415 Summer Street, Room 107 A/B
Boston, Massachusetts

Present: Chairman Stephen P. Crosby
Commissioner Gayle Cameron
Commissioner Lloyd Macdonald
Commissioner Bruce Stebbins
Commissioner Enrique Zuniga

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Call to Order

See transcript pages 2-3

[10:34 a.m.](#) Chairman Crosby called to order the 168th Commission Meeting. Chairman Crosby introduced the new Commissioner, retired Judge Lloyd Macdonald, and provided a summary of his professional background. Chairman Crosby acknowledged Mayor Carpenter from the City of Brockton, former Mayor Yunits from the City of Brockton, and Boston City Councilor DiCara. Chairman Crosby announced that the horse racing public hearing at 3:00 p.m. will not be live-streamed.

Administration

See transcript pages 3-11

[10:36 a.m.](#) Commissioner Bruce Stebbins provided an update on the Executive Director search. Commissioner Stebbins reported that over 71 resumes have been received and they are currently interviewing candidates. He also reported on the use of a candidate assessment tool for the Commissioner's consideration.

[10:42 a.m.](#) General Counsel Catherine Blue provided an update on Judge McHugh's post-commission employment. General Counsel Blue reported that Judge McHugh will be an employee, for a limited time, in the Legal Division and will also assist with transition matters.

Ombudsman

See transcript pages 11-145

RFA-2 Application Presentation by Mass Gaming and Entertainment ("MGE")

[10:45 a.m.](#) Attorney John Donnelly, representing MGE, cited a list of presenters for MGE and provided a brief summary of their professional background.

[10:49 a.m.](#) [MGE Video Presentation]

[10:56 a.m.](#) Neil Bluhm, Chairman of Rush Street Gaming, introduced George Carney as a minority partner in the MGE project. Mr. Bluhm stated that he is interested in developing a resort casino in the Southeast region because the Brockton site is a superior location. He stated that the project is expected to do the following: open and operate by the summer or early fall of 2018, produce \$700 million worth of gaming tax revenue over the next ten years, create jobs, and provide school funding and infrastructure. He also stated that the tribal project may not happen due to federal litigation. He provided a summary of his personal and professional background. He stated that his company is a leading developer of gaming facilities and provided highlights of his casino properties in Canada, Pennsylvania, Illinois, and New York.

[11:06 a.m.](#) David Patent, President and Chief Operating Officer of Rush Street Gaming, stated that one of the company's core beliefs is that happy team members and happy customers equal success. He reported that all their properties have been voted as a best place to work by their employees. He also reported that the Rivers Casino in Pittsburg has been voted best overall gaming resort in Pennsylvania for six years in a row.

[11:10 a.m.](#) Mary Cheeks, Chief Financial Officer for two Rush Street Gaming properties in Pennsylvania, stated that the company offers dedicated training and life-changing careers for their team members. She provided an overview of their benefits and commitment to a diverse workforce and the unemployed. She also noted the company's partnerships with community organizations and community colleges.

[11:14 a.m.](#) Wendy Hamilton, General Manager at SugarHouse Casino in Pennsylvania, described their unique interview and application process for selecting great candidates. She also reported on the company's support for local businesses and focus on local neighborhoods.

[11:23 a.m.](#) David Patent provided an overview of the casino project which included the following: location, hotel and resort features, food and beverage options, event space, design elements, New England architecture, site plan,

dedicated green and buffer space, traffic improvements, pedestrian safety, partnerships with local businesses, entertainment destination, creation of quality jobs, and revenue to the City of Brockton. He also noted receipt of confident letters from leading financial institutions.

- [11:37 a.m.](#) Michael Soll, President of the Innovation Group, presented on the economic impacts and projections of a casino in Brockton - with and without a tribal casino in Taunton.
- [11:54 a.m.](#) Neil Bluhm stated that the casino will be successful, even with a tribal casino, because they have a better location and they are used to competition. He also stated that they have consulted with experts in Indian gaming law and there is a possibility that there will not be a casino in Taunton.
- [11:57 a.m.](#) Attorney David Tennant, representing MGE, presented on his review of the Record of Decision (“ROD”) issued by the US Department of Interior. He stated the ROD findings were severely flawed and extremely broad. He also stated that the ROD almost guarantees litigation by local and national citizen groups. He stated that any litigation commenced could last a decade. He also stated that vendors and lenders will not want to engage in a project with pending litigation.
- [12:19 p.m.](#) Mayor Bill Carpenter, representing the City of Brockton, presented on how the casino project will impact the citizens of Brockton. He noted that the casino and revenue will do the following: revitalize a manufacturing city by creating jobs for the unemployed, create an entertainment district, provide needed school funding, spur economic development, provide traffic mitigation, and impact public safety. He noted that Moody’s and Standard & Poor’s have issued negative outlooks on the city’s bond rating. He stated that the only way for Brockton to survive is to get additional sources of revenue. He also stated that a destination resort casino will transform the image of Brockton and the lives of the people of Brockton.
- [12:42 p.m.](#) Neil Bluhm stated that if the Commission issues a license to Brockton it will be a transformative event. He also stated that if the tribe opens a casino, they will be successful because they don’t have to pay taxes. He stated that if the Commission doesn’t issue a license to Brockton it will not hurt him but it will crush Brockton. He stated that he is willing to risk his capital because he believes the project will be successful.
- [12:46 p.m.](#) Commissioner Macdonald asked Mr. Bluhm how his project would be economically viable if the prospect of a tribal casino made the New Bedford project economically unfeasible.
- [12:46 p.m.](#) Neil Bluhm responded that the New Bedford project was too far south and on the water – which cut off the market. He stated that the Brockton location would survive because they have a larger market. He also noted that they have leading banks willing to finance their project.

- [12:50 p.m.](#) The Commission recessed for lunch.
- [1:52 p.m.](#) The meeting resumed.
- [1:53 p.m.](#) Ombudsman Ziemba provided an overview of the MGM Springfield project change proposal and stated that consultants will provide a limited presentation.
- [1:55 p.m.](#) Attorney Jed Nosal, representing MGM Springfield, introduced consultants from Epsilon Associates and The Engineering Corp. who will highlight the MGM Springfield project changes.
- [1:57 p.m.](#) Peggy Briggs, representing Epsilon Associates, provided a history of the environmental filings and current MEPA review status. She also reported that the Notice of Project Change included a decrease in project size, relocation of residential units, relocation and redesign of the hotel, fewer gaming positions, parking decreases, and a delay of opening by one year. She stated that she believes that no further study will be required because the project will be scaled down.
- [2:09 p.m.](#) Kevin Dandrade, representing The Engineering Corp., reported on transportation impacts and noted a drop in trips per day due to reduction in project.

Fantasy Sports

See transcript pages 146-147

- [2:29 p.m.](#) Chairman Crosby provided an update on fantasy sports which included the following: the Commission is drafting an outline for a White Paper for the Legislature and to guide the Commission's work, Commissioner Cameron is putting together a working group of experts, the legal team is gathering information from other jurisdictions, and the Commission is coordinating with the Attorney General's Office.
- [2:31 p.m.](#) Commissioner Cameron noted that she intends to meet with industry companies, operators, and the American Gaming Association to get their input.

Workforce, Supplier and Diversity Development

See transcript pages 148-154

- [2:31 p.m.](#) Director Jill Griffin reported on events designed to inform and connect small businesses to opportunities to contract with the gaming industry. She stated that staff from the MGC presented on the licensing process and purchasing opportunities for the Massachusetts Association of Chamber Executives at Plainridge Park Casino. She reported that staff from the MGC spoke to small businesses at Governor Baker's Supplier Diversity Fair. She also reported that the MGC is a co-sponsor for the Collaborative Business Diversity Forum - which will provide a technical assistance workshop for small businesses looking to do business with casinos.

[2:37 p.m.](#) Paul Connelly, Director of Licensing, reported on an event at Plainridge Park Casino to provide vendors with technical assistance and information on the licensing process.

[2:38 p.m.](#) Commissioner Stebbins noted that Plainridge Park Casino is still looking for vendors and suppliers.

Other Business Not Reasonably Anticipated

See transcript page 154

[2:39 p.m.](#) *Having no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Cameron. Motion seconded by Commissioner Macdonald. Motion passed unanimously.*

List of Documents and Other Items Used

1. Massachusetts Gaming Commission, Notice of Meeting and Agenda dated November 5, 2015
2. Mass Gaming & Entertainment, LLC, Presentation dated November 5, 2015
3. Letter from Attorney David Tennant to the Massachusetts Gaming Commission, dated November 5, 2015 regarding Region C – Massachusetts Gaming & Entertainment, LLC, Public Hearing November 5, 2015 with attachment
4. Letter from Epsilon Associates to the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs, dated October 15, 2015 regarding MGM Springfield Notice of Project Change with attachment
5. Letter from Attorney Jed Nosal to the Massachusetts Historical Commission, dated October 29, 2015 regarding MGM Springfield Casino Project, Hotel, Apartments/Armory Square Retail & Cinema, Main Union, State & Howard Streets, Springfield, MA: MHC# RC53951, EEA# 15033 with attachments
6. Collaborative Business Diversity Forum: Joint Venture Workshop flyer

/s/ Catherine Blue

Catherine Blue, Assistant Secretary

No Documents



MASSACHUSETTS GAMING COMMISSION

MEMORANDUM

To: Chairman Crosby and Commissioners Cameron, Macdonald, Stebbins and Zuniga

From: Derek Lennon, CFAO

Date: 11/12/2015

Re: Fiscal Year 2016 (FY16) First Budget Update

Summary:

The Massachusetts Gaming Commission spent \$4M less in FY15 than was initially projected. The Commission's revenue collections fell short of initial FY15 projections by \$690.5K. All budget and revenue adjustments were discussed in detail at previous FY15 quarterly updates. The combined effect of the underspending and revenue shortages will result in a \$3.32M credit to the FY16 licensee assessment.

The MGC beginning revenue balance for FY16 in the gaming control fund (1050-0001) is \$6.616M. Approximately \$3.29M of the revenue is restricted to the following uses:

- \$110.8K phase 1 investigation collections
- \$50K local grant funding
- \$433.7K Region C phase 1 investigation collections
- \$2.69M FY16 Wynn and Penn Slots fees received in FY15

All changes recommended for this quarter net to zero. Therefore, the Commission's budget remains balanced.

FY15 Closeout:

Below is a table summarizing the FY15 spending and revenue for the gaming control fund.



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2015	Budget Projections				Actual		
	Row Labels	Initial Projection	FY14 Balance Forward	Approved Adjustment	Current Budget (Initial+Bal Fwd+Apvd)	Final Spending	
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AA REGULAR EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION	\$ 5,177,380.58	\$ -	\$ (974,487.50)	\$ 4,202,893.08	\$ 4,200,998.23		
BB REGULAR EMPLOYEE RELATED EXPEN	\$ 78,400.00	\$ -	\$ 22,000.00	\$ 100,400.00	\$ 44,604.38		
CC SPECIAL EMPLOYEES	\$ 131,412.50	\$ -	\$ (23,950.00)	\$ 107,462.50	\$ 107,410.94		
DD PENSION & INSURANCE RELATED EX	\$ 1,402,233.00	\$ -	\$ (25,360.34)	\$ 1,376,872.66	\$ 1,218,440.91		
EE ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES	\$ 489,743.00	\$ -	\$ 28,000.00	\$ 517,743.00	\$ 1,730,214.63		
FF PROGRAMMATIC FACILITY OPERATONAL SUPPLIES	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 4,010.62		
GG ENERGY COSTS AND SPACE RENTAL	\$ 633,157.52	\$ -	\$ (118,000.00)	\$ 515,157.52	\$ 515,680.65		
HH CONSULTANT SVCS (TO DEPTS)	\$ 5,679,861.24	\$ 1,402,733.23	\$ (1,761,323.81)	\$ 5,321,270.66	\$ 4,752,975.44		
JJ OPERATIONAL SERVICES	\$ 2,894,066.98	\$ -	\$ (851,127.75)	\$ 2,042,939.23	\$ 1,833,862.99		
KK Equipment Purchase	\$ 161,500.00	\$ -	\$ 55,000.00	\$ 216,500.00	\$ 205,413.52		
LL EQUIPMENT LEASE-MAINTAIN/REPAR	\$ 33,458.00	\$ -	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 35,458.00	\$ 35,884.57		
MM PURCHASED CLIENT/PROGRAM SVCS	\$ 35,000.00	\$ -	\$ (35,000.00)	\$ -	\$ -		
NN INFRASTRUCTURE:	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 10,314.61		
PP STATE AID/POL SUB	\$ 3,841,814.00	\$ 537,241.29	\$ (1,512,000.00)	\$ 2,867,055.29	\$ 2,601,877.31		
TT Operating Transfer for AGO Acct 0810-1204	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 364,072.60		
UU IT Non-Payroll Expenses	\$ 3,816,811.00	\$ 640,464.00	\$ (2,075,927.00)	\$ 2,381,348.00	\$ 2,317,135.54		
ISA to DPH, AGO & EOHS	\$ 181,716.65	\$ -	\$ 417,571.25	\$ 599,287.90	\$ 582,269.93		
Grand Total	\$ 24,556,554.47	\$ 2,580,438.52	\$ (6,837,105.15)	\$ 20,299,887.84	\$ 20,525,166.87		
	Revenue Projections				Actual		
Revenues	Initial Projection		Approved Adjustments	Current Budget (Initial+Apvd)	Final Revenue collection	Reserved for FY16	
Gaming Control Fund Beginning Balance	\$ 14,000,000.00		\$ 705,794.14	\$ 14,705,794.14	\$ 14,705,873.43		
Phase 1 Collections (restricted)	\$ -		\$ 110,883.50	\$ 110,883.50	\$ 141,296.99	\$ 110,883.50	
City town returned grant collection			\$ -	\$ -	\$ 50,794.49		
City town refund of returned grants			\$ -	\$ -	\$ (50,794.49)		
Phase 1 Refunds	\$ -		\$ (110,883.50)	\$ (110,883.50)	\$ -		
Phase 2 Category 1 Collections (restricted)	\$ -		\$ 1,276,986.55	\$ 1,276,986.55	\$ 1,269,450.55		
Region C Phase 1 Investigation Collections	\$ 400,000.00		\$ 142,701.64	\$ 542,701.64	\$ 512,288.15	\$ 433,760.65	
Region C Phase 2 Category 1 Collections	\$ 800,000.00		\$ (800,000.00)	\$ -	\$ -		
Grant Collections (restricted)	\$ 700,000.00		\$ (165,641.75)	\$ 534,358.25	\$ 532,084.82	\$ 50,000.00	
Region A slot Machine Fee	\$ 1,482,904.47		\$ 67,938.65	\$ 1,550,843.12	\$ 1,550,843.12		
Region B Slot Machine Fee	\$ 1,800,000.00		\$ -	\$ 1,800,000.00	\$ 1,800,000.00		
Slots Parlor Slot Machine Fee	\$ 750,000.00		\$ -	\$ 750,000.00	\$ 750,000.00		
Gaming Employee License Fees (GEL)	\$ 82,500.00		\$ (36,600.00)	\$ 45,900.00	\$ 45,900.00		
Key Gaming Executive (GKE)	\$ 197,500.00		\$ (189,400.00)	\$ 8,100.00	\$ 8,100.00		
Key Gaming Employee (GKS)	\$ -		\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00		
Non-Gaming Vendor (NGV)	\$ 12,000.00		\$ 28,200.00	\$ 40,200.00	\$ 40,200.00		
Vendor Gaming Primary (VGP)	\$ 900,000.00		\$ (705,000.00)	\$ 195,000.00	\$ 195,000.00		
Vendor Gaming Secondary (VGS)	\$ 150,000.00		\$ (120,000.00)	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 30,000.00		
Gaming Service Employee License (SER)	\$ 75.00		\$ 675.00	\$ 750.00	\$ 750.00		
Subcontractor ID Initial License (SUB)	\$ 200.00		\$ (200.00)	\$ -	\$ -		
Temporary License Initial License (TEM)	\$ 100.00		\$ (100.00)	\$ -	\$ -		
Veterans Initial License (VET)	\$ 100.00		\$ (100.00)	\$ -	\$ -		
Transfer of Licensing Fees to CMF	\$ (17,500,000.00)		\$ -	\$ (17,500,000.00)	\$ (17,500,000.00)		
Assessment Regions A, B and Slot Parlor	\$ 20,781,175.00		\$ (449,083.15)	\$ 20,332,091.85	\$ 20,332,091.73		
Transfer to General Fund for AGO acct 0810-1204			\$ (452,709.00)	\$ (452,709.00)	\$ -		
FY16 Region A and Cat 2 Slots Fees Received in FY15			\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,695,200.00	\$ 2,695,200.00	
Misc	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -	\$ 26,684.94		
Grand Total	\$ 24,556,554.47	\$-	\$ (690,537.92)	\$ 23,866,016.55	\$ 27,141,763.73	\$ 3,289,844.15	
				Revenue surplus from FY15 Expenditures	\$ 6,616,596.86		



Massachusetts Gaming Commission

FY15 Final revenues were \$27.14M, which was \$6.16M more than expenditures and the surplus will balance forward into FY16. The balance forward amount is comprised of the following revenue streams:

- Grant Collections \$50K—This revenue is generated directly from the applicants and can only be spent on grants to potential host and surrounding communities for costs incurred and associated with the application process. These are restricted revenues and any unspent balances will be refunded.
- Phase I Region A and B Investigation Collections \$110.8K—This revenue is generated directly from the applicants and can only be spent on reimbursing the commission for costs incurred during the application period. Any unspent balances in excess of the initial \$400K deposit will be reimbursed. This amount will likely be reimbursed in FY16
- Region C Phase I Investigation Collections \$433.7K—This revenue is generated directly from the applicants and can only be spent on reimbursing the commission for costs incurred during the application period. Any unspent balances in excess of the initial \$400K deposit will be reimbursed or used towards Phase II
- Region A and Category 2 FY16 slot fees \$2.695M—This represents the annual \$600/approved slot machine fee for the Plainridge Park Casino and the Region A licensee. This money was projected to come in FY16 and was received in FY15.
- FY16 licensee assessment credit \$3.32M—This is the unrestricted amount of revenues that exceeded expenditures for FY15. Per regulation, this amount is refunded or credited to licensees in FY16 in proportion to their contribution to the FY15 assessment.

FY16 First Update:

Gaming Control Fund 1050-0001

The Gaming Control Fund had FY16 initial projections of \$28.3M in expenditures and revenues of \$6.09M requiring a \$22.2M assessment on licensees. FY15 balanced forward \$6.16M in revenues, however, only \$3.32M of those are unrestricted and will be offset by a \$3.32M reduction in the annual assessment. The Commission's budget remains in balance.

Appendix A to this document is the budget to actual spending and revenue for each account for the MGC for the first three months of the 2016 fiscal year. The spending section of Appendix A has a column titled Approved Adjustments. The Approved Adjustment column references net zero budget transfers division directors have requested. The division of finance and administration has approved these transactions as they do not have an impact on the Commission's bottom line. There is a report attached, Appendix B, which lists the details to the net zero adjustments.



Massachusetts Gaming Commission

Assessment on Licensees:

205 CMR 121.00 describes how the commission shall assess its operational costs on casino licensees including any increases or decreases that are the result of over or under spending. CMR 121.05(2) deals with the case where annual assessments are in excess of actual expenditures. This section gives the MGC the discretion to either return excess revenue or credit excess revenue to the assessments in the subsequent fiscal year. The revenue must be credited or returned in the same proportion it was initially assessed. The result of the balance forward of \$3.32M in unrestricted revenue from FY15 will decrease the FY16 assessment from \$22.2M to \$18.89M. The chart below shows how the FY15 assessment was proportioned, and what the excess revenue will mean to the licensees FY16 assessments. Based on the revised assessment schedule, we will be issuing our next quarterly billing for licensee assessments.

FY15 Assessment								
			FY15 Annual Assessment:		\$ 20,332,091.85	FY15 Balance	\$ 3,326,752.71	
	Slots	Table Games	Table Gaming Positions*	Total Gaming Positions*	Percentage of Gaming Positions	Annual Assessment	FY16 Credit	
MGM	3,000	100	600	3,600	39.56%	\$8,043,375.54	\$1,316,078.00	
Wynn	3,242	168	1008	4,250	46.70%	\$9,495,086.89	\$1,553,703.19	
Penn	1,250	0	0	1,250	13.74%	\$2,793,629.42	\$456,971.53	
	7,492	268	1608	9,100	100.00%	\$20,332,091.85	\$3,326,752.71	
FY16 Assessment								
	Slots	Table Games	Table Gaming Positions*	Total Gaming Positions*	Percentage of Gaming Positions	Annual Assessment	Credit from FY15	New Assessment
MGM	3,000	100	600	3,600	38.50%	\$8,554,204.95	\$1,316,078.00	\$7,238,126.95
Wynn	3,242	168	1,008	4,250	45.45%	\$10,098,714.18	\$1,553,703.19	\$8,545,010.99
Penn	1,250	-	-	1,500	16.04%	\$3,564,252.06	\$456,971.53	\$3,107,280.53
	7,492	268	1,608	9,350	100.00%	\$22,217,171.19	\$3,326,752.71	\$18,890,418.48
*Table gaming positions, slots and table gaming positions are derived by using the HLT figures from Finance Plan section of the Presentation under 2.3 the table titled Proposed Facility Suitability. For estimating gaming positions from table games, a multiplier of 6 for each table game is used.								

As we did in FY15 we will be tracking and reporting on all appropriations the MGC is responsible for direct expenditures from in the same level of detail as we have for the Gaming Control Fund. Appendix A shows the expenditures and revenues by month for each item of appropriation under the control of the MGC. All of the remaining appropriations have to do with the racing division. Appendix C shows spending compared to budget for each division within the MGC.

Conclusion:

The Massachusetts Gaming Commission approved an initial FY16 Gaming Control fund budget of \$28.3M, requiring a \$22.2M assessment on licensees. After closing out FY15 and

opening FY16, the Commission has an anticipated surplus of \$3.32M in the Gaming Control fund for FY16. This will result in a decrease to the anticipated assessment on licensees.

Appendix A: FY16 Actuals Spending and Revenue as of 10-1-2015

Appendix B: QRY Step 16A Budget Amendment Requests by Qtr by Obj Class

Appendix C: QRY Step 05A Expense Budget Form

Balance \$ - \$ 6,073,598.74 \$ 11,723,453.82

Budget Projections					Actuals		
Row Labels	Initial Projection	Approved Adjustments	Proposed Adjustments	Current Budget (Initial+Bal Fwd+Apvd Adjmts)	Current Budget		
					July	August	
1050002							
TT LOANS AND SPECIAL PAYMENTS	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Revenue Projections					Actuals		
Revenues	Initial Projection	Approved Adjustments	Proposed Adjustments	Current Budget (Initial+Apvd Adjmts)	FY16 Beginning		
					Balance	July	August
Greyhound Balance Forward Simulcast	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 59,635.47	\$ -	\$ -
Plainridge Greyhound Import Simulcast	\$ 32,174.19	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 32,174.19	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,037.99
Raynham Greyhound Import Simulcast	\$ 112,449.69	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 112,449.69	\$ 0	\$ 6,300.00	\$ 7,452.27
Wonderland Greyhound Import Simulcast	\$ 36,338.91	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 36,338.91	\$ 0	\$ -	\$ 2,873.84
	\$ 180,962.79	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 180,962.79	\$ 59,635.47	\$ 6,300.00	\$ 12,364.10

Budget Projections					Actuals	
Row Labels	Initial Projection	Approved Adjustments	Proposed Adjustments	Current Budget (Initial+Bal Fwd+Apvd Adjmts)	Current Budget	
					July	August
1050003						
AA REGULAR EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION	\$ 523,531.72	\$ -		\$ 523,531.72	\$ 16,455.66	\$ 21,173.45
BB REGULAR EMPLOYEE RELATED EXPEN	\$ 5,000.00			\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5.49	\$ 5.57
CC SPECIAL EMPLOYEES	\$ 408,245.20	\$ -		\$ 408,245.20	\$ 37,073.01	\$ 44,487.08
DD PENSION & INSURANCE RELATED EX	\$ 168,147.06			\$ 168,147.06	\$ 5,683.35	\$ 7,258.99
EE ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES	\$ 30,855.00			\$ 30,855.00	\$ 5,352.87	\$ 6,565.82
FF PROGRAMMATIC FACILITY OPERATONAL SUPPLIES	\$ 1,000.00			\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ -
HH CONSULTANT SVCS (TO DEPTS)	\$ 32,000.00			\$ 32,000.00	\$ -	\$ -
JJ OPERATIONAL SERVICES	\$ 59,300.00			\$ 59,300.00	\$ -	\$ -
LL EQUIPMENT LEASE-MAINTAIN/REPAR	\$ 6,650.00			\$ 6,650.00	\$ -	\$ 212.82
MM PURCHASED CLIENT/PROGRAM SVCS	\$ 196,000.00			\$ 196,000.00	\$ -	\$ -
NN INFRASTRUCTURE:	\$ -			\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
TT LOANS AND SPECIAL PAYMENTS	\$ -			\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
UU IT Non-Payroll Expenses	\$ 78,700.00			\$ 78,700.00	\$ -	\$ 457.58
ISA to DPH	\$ 70,000.00			\$ 70,000.00		
Grand Total	\$ 1,579,428.98			\$ 1,579,428.98	\$ 64,570.38	\$ 80,161.31

Revenue Projections					Actuals	
Revenues	Initial Projection	Approved Adjustments	Proposed Adjustments	Current Budget (Initial+Apvd Adjmts)	FY16 Beginning	
					Balance	July
Plainridge Assessment	\$ 170,849.60	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 170,849.60	\$ -	\$ 11,584.80
Plainridge Daily License Fee	\$ 124,695.42	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 124,695.42	\$ -	\$ 9,000.00
Plainridge Occupational License	\$ 85,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 85,000.00	\$ -	\$ 4,850.00
Plainridge Racing Development Oversight Live	\$ 18,674.66	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 18,674.66	\$ -	\$ 895.13
Plainridge Racing Development Oversight Simulcast	\$ 264,972.66	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 264,972.66	\$ -	\$ 18,841.32
Racing Oversight and Development Balance Forward				\$ -	\$ 819,005.82	\$ -
Raynham Assessment	\$ 126,681.83	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 126,681.83	\$ -	\$ 6,858.81
Raynham Daily License Fee	\$ 110,931.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 110,931.00	\$ -	\$ 6,300.00
Raynham Racing Development Oversight Simulcast	\$ 457,149.55	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 457,149.55	\$ -	\$ 32,257.75

Suffolk Assessment	\$	437,169.33	\$	-	\$	-	\$	437,169.33	\$	-	\$	40,300.00	\$	-
Suffolk Commission Racing Development Oversight Simulcast	\$	170,748.32	\$	-	\$	-	\$	170,748.32	\$	-	\$	19,867.90	\$	-
Suffolk Daily License Fee	\$	80,631.00	\$	-	\$	-	\$	80,631.00	\$	-	\$	7,200.00	\$	-
Suffolk Occupational License	\$	20,000.00	\$	-	\$	-	\$	20,000.00	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
Suffolk Racing Development Oversight Live	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
Suffolk TVG Commission Live	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
Suffolk TVG Commission Simulcast	\$	92,997.43	\$	-	\$	-	\$	92,997.43	\$	-	\$	19,849.09	\$	-
Suffolk Twin Spires Commission Live	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
Suffolk Twin Spires Commission Simulcast	\$	92,997.43	\$	-	\$	-	\$	92,997.43	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
Suffolk Xpress Bet Commission Live	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
Suffolk Xpress Bet Commission Simulcast	\$	92,997.43	\$	-	\$	-	\$	92,997.43	\$	-	\$	5,900.86	\$	-
Transfer to General Fund 10500140			\$	-			\$	-		-	\$	-		-
Wonderland Assessment	\$	15,132.22	\$	-	\$	-	\$	15,132.22	\$	-	\$	-	\$	1,260.00
Wonderland Daily License Fee	\$	80,073.00	\$	-	\$	-	\$	80,073.00	\$	-	\$	-	\$	6,000.00
Wonderland Racing Development Oversight Simulcast	\$	120,746.64	\$	-	\$	-	\$	120,746.64	\$	-	\$	-	\$	9,517.13
Plainridge fine	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	1,350.00
Suffolk Fine	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
Transfer to General Fund 10500140	\$	(900,000.00)	\$	-	\$	-	\$	(900,000.00)						
Plainridge Unclaimed wagers	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
Suffolk Unclaimed wagers	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
Raynham Unclaimed wagers	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
Wonderland Unclaimed wagers	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
Misc	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
Grand Total		\$1,662,447.52		\$0.00		\$0.00		\$1,662,447.52		\$819,005.82		\$131,398.14		\$108,714.94

		Budget Projections					Actuals		
Row Labels	Initial Projection	Approved Adjustments	Proposed Adjustments	Current Budget (Initial+Bal Fwd+Apvd Adjmts)		July	August		
10500012									
TT LOANS AND SPECIAL PAYMENTS	\$ 125,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 125,000.00		\$ -	\$ -		
		Revenue Projections					Actuals		
Revenues	Initial Projection	Approved Adjustments	Proposed Adjustments	Current Budget (Initial+Apvd Adjmts)		FY16 Beginning Balance	July	August	
Plainridge Import Harness Horse Simulcast	\$ 45,610.62	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 45,610.62		\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,394.17	
Plainridge Racing Harness Horse Live	\$ 15,879.94	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 15,879.94		\$ -	\$ -	\$ 901.12	
Raynham Import Plainridge Simulcast	\$ 8,123.52	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 8,123.52		\$ -	\$ 266.72	\$ 272.71	
Suffolk Import Plainridge Simulcast	\$ 10,639.63	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,639.63		\$ -	\$ 462.12	\$ -	
Plainridge Racecourse Promo Fund Beginning Balance				\$ -		\$ 62,824.19	\$ -	\$ -	
TVG Live	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
TVG Simulcast	\$ 18,060.54	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 18,060.54		\$ -	\$ 902.88	\$ -	
Twin Spires Live	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Twin Spires Simulcast	\$ 18,060.54	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 18,060.54		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Xpress Bets Live	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Xpress Bets Simulcast	\$ 18,060.54	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 18,060.54		\$ -	\$ 291.22	\$ -	
Grand Total	\$ 134,435.33	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 134,435.33		\$ 62,824.19	\$ 1,922.94	\$ 2,568.00	

		Budget Projections					Actuals		
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Row Labels	Budget Projections			Current Budget		Actuals	
	Initial Projection	Approved Adjustments	Proposed Adjustments	(Initial+Bal Fwd+Apvd Adjmts)	July	August	
10500013							
TT LOANS AND SPECIAL PAYMENTS	\$ 125,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 125,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	
	Revenue Projections					Actuals	
Revenues	Initial Projection	Approved Adjustments	Proposed Adjustments	Current Budget (Initial+Apvd Adjmts)	FY16 Beginning Balance	July	August
Plainridge Import Harness Horse Simulcast	\$ 19,131.77	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 19,131.77	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,106.06
Plainridge Racing Harness Horse Live	\$ 9,288.26	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 9,288.26	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,491.88
Raynham Import Plainridge Simulcast	\$ 4,010.33	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,010.33	\$ -	\$ 456.74	\$ 580.85
Suffolk Import Plainridge Simulcast	\$ 4,755.02	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,755.02	\$ -	\$ 959.15	\$ -
Plainridge Capital Improvement Fund Beginning Balance		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 257,938.13	\$ -	\$ -
TVG Live	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -
TVG Simulcast	\$ 6,089.66		\$ -	\$ -		\$ 3,157.45	\$ -
Twin Spires Live	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -
Twin Spires Simulcast	\$ 6,089.66		\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -
Xpress Bets Live	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -
Xpress Bets Simulcast	\$ 6,089.66		\$ -	\$ -		\$ 840.90	\$ -
Grand Total	\$55,454.36	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$37,185.38	\$257,938.13	\$5,414.24	\$6,178.79

Row Labels	Budget Projections			Current Budget		Actuals	
	Initial Projection	Approved Adjustments	Proposed Adjustments	(Initial+Bal Fwd+Apvd Adjmts)	July	August	
10500021							
TT LOANS AND SPECIAL PAYMENTS	\$ 146,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 146,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	
	Revenue Projections					Actuals	
Revenues	Initial Projection	Approved Adjustments	Proposed Adjustments	Current Budget (Initial+Apvd Adjmts)	FY16 Beginning Balance	July	August
Plainridge Import Running Horse Simulcast	\$ 31,104.90			\$ 31,104.90	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,314.67
Raynham Import Running Horse Simulcast	\$ 16,577.01			\$ 16,577.01	\$ -	\$ 1,647.14	\$ 1,468.33
Suffolk Import Running Horse Simulcast	\$ 55,366.16		\$ -	\$ 55,366.16	\$ -	\$ 6,479.72	\$ -
Suffolk Racing Running Horse Live	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Suffolk Promotional Fund Beginning Balance		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 29,074.13	\$ -	\$ -
TVG Live	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -
TVG Simulcast	\$ 28,355.23		\$ -	\$ 28,355.23		\$ 6,186.43	\$ -
Twin Spires Live	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -
Twin Spires Simulcast	\$ 28,355.23		\$ -	\$ 28,355.23		\$ -	\$ -
Xpress Bets Live	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -
Xpress Bets Simulcast	\$ 28,355.23		\$ -	\$ 28,355.23		\$ 1,848.11	\$ -
Grand Total	\$188,113.76	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$188,113.76	\$29,074.13	\$16,161.40	\$3,783.00

Row Labels	Budget Projections			Current Budget		Actuals	
	Initial Projection	Approved Adjustments	Proposed Adjustments	(Initial+Bal Fwd+Apvd Adjmts)	July	August	
10500022							
TT LOANS AND SPECIAL PAYMENTS	\$ 525,500.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 525,500.00	\$ -	\$ -	

	Revenue Projections					Actuals		
Revenues	Initial Projection	Approved Adjustments	Proposed Adjustments	Current Budget (Initial+Apvd Adjmts)	FY16 Beginning Balance	July	August	
Plainridge Import Running Horse Simulcast	\$ 129,847.21	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 129,847.21	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 9,799.88	
Raynham Import Running Horse Simulcast	\$ 59,992.30	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 59,992.30	\$ -	\$ 5,902.94	\$ 6,343.66	
Suffolk Import Running Horse Simulcast	\$ 224,469.37	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 224,469.37	\$ -	\$ 24,559.77	\$ -	
Suffolk Racing Running Horse Live	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Suffolk Capital Improvement Fund Beginning Balance					\$ 117,739.11	\$ -	\$ -	
TVG Live	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
TVG Simulcast	\$ 103,567.87		\$ -	\$ 103,567.87		\$ 24,804.00	\$ -	
Twin Spires Live	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -	
Twin Spires Simulcast	\$ 103,567.87		\$ -	\$ 103,567.87		\$ -	\$ -	
Xpress Bets Live	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -	
Xpress Bets Simulcast	\$ 103,567.87		\$ -	\$ 103,567.87		\$ 6,128.00	\$ -	
Grand Total	\$725,012.49	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$725,012.49	\$117,739.11	\$61,394.71	\$16,143.54	

	Budget Projections					Actuals		
Row Labels	Initial Projection	Approved Adjustments	Proposed Adjustments	Current Budget (Initial+Bal Fwd+Apvd Adjmts)		July	August	
10500140								
TT LOANS AND SPECIAL PAYMENTS	\$ 1,150,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,150,000.00		\$ -	\$ -	

2016				
Row Labels	Actuals To Date			% BFY
	September	Total	%Spent	Passed
10500001				
AA REGULAR EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION	\$ 430,647.74	\$ 1,223,816.64	19%	25%
BB REGULAR EMPLOYEE RELATED EXPEN	\$ 2,442.48	\$ 6,757.12	7%	25%
CC SPECIAL EMPLOYEES	\$ 12,626.50	\$ 44,188.30	34%	25%
DD PENSION & INSURANCE RELATED EX	\$ -	\$ 240,067.44	13%	25%
EE ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES	\$ 58,837.31	\$ 180,097.22	38%	25%
FF PROGRAMMATIC FACILITY OPERATONAL SUPPLIES	\$ -	\$ -	0%	25%
GG ENERGY COSTS AND SPACE RENTAL	\$ 5,369.50	\$ 44,314.50	4%	25%
HH CONSULTANT SVCS (TO DEPTS)	\$ 158,353.38	\$ 158,853.38	3%	25%
JJ OPERATIONAL SERVICES	\$ 155,986.06	\$ 333,246.16	10%	25%
KK Equipment Purchase	\$ 55,969.98	\$ 55,969.98	70%	25%
LL EQUIPMENT LEASE-MAINTAIN/REPAR	\$ 2,422.08	\$ 4,729.27	18%	25%
MM PURCHASED CLIENT/PROGRAM SVCS	\$ -	\$ -	0%	25%
NN INFRASTRUCTURE:	\$ -	\$ -	0%	25%
PP STATE AID/POL SUB	\$ -	\$ -	0%	25%
UU IT Non-Payroll Expenses	\$ 154,345.21	\$ 233,699.28	5%	25%
ISA to DPH, AGO & EOHHS	\$ 80,845.80	\$ 124,479.58	6%	25%
Grand Total	\$ 1,117,846.04	\$ 2,650,218.87	9%	25%
Revenues		September	Actuals Total	
Gaming Control Fund Beginning Balance	\$ -	\$ 3,326,752.71		
Phase 1 Collections (restricted)	\$ -	\$ 110,883.50		
Phase 1 Refunds	\$ -	\$ -		
Phase 2 Category 1 Collections (restricted)	\$ -	\$ -		
Region C Phase 1 Investigation Collections	\$ -	\$ 433,760.65		
Region C Phase 2 Category 1 Collections	\$ -	\$ -		
Grant Collections (restricted)	\$ -	\$ 50,000.00		
Region A slot Machine Fee	\$ -	\$ 1,945,200.00		
Region B Slot Machine Fee	\$ -	\$ -		
Slots Parlor Slot Machine Fee, REG B		\$ 2,550,000.00		
Gaming Employee License Fees (GEL)	\$ 900.00	\$ 87,600.00		
Key Gaming Executive (GKE)	\$ -	\$ 4,000.00		
Key Gaming Employee (GKS)	\$ -	\$ 37,000.00		
Non-Gaming Vendor (NGV)	\$ 2,200.00	\$ 7,600.00		
Vendor Gaming Primary (VGP)	\$ -	\$ -		
Vendor Gaming Secondary (VGS)	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 25,000.00		
Gaming Service Employee License (SER)	\$ -	\$ 27,900.00		
Subcontractor ID Initial License (SUB)	\$ -	\$ -		
Temporary License Initial License (TEM)	\$ -	\$ -		
Veterans Initial License (VET)	\$ -	\$ -		
Transfer of Licensing Fees to CMF	\$ -	\$ -		
Assessment, REG B, REG A and SLOT Parlor	\$ 891,063.02	\$ 5,554,292.81		
Misc	\$ -	\$ -		
Grand Total	\$ 904,163.02	\$ 14,159,989.67		

Balance **\$ 11,509,770.80**

Row Labels	Actuals To Date			% BFY Passed
	September	Total	%Spent	
1050002				
TT LOANS AND SPECIAL PAYMENTS	\$ -	\$ -	#DIV/0!	92%
Revenues				
	September	Actuals Total		
Greyhound Balance Forward Simulcast	\$ -	\$ -		
Plainridge Greyhound Import Simulcast	\$ 4,329.70	\$ 6,367.69		
Raynham Greyhound Import Simulcast	\$ 13,383.38	\$ 27,135.65		
Wonderland Greyhound Import Simulcast	\$ 5,969.67	\$ 8,843.51		
	\$ 23,682.75	\$ 42,346.85		

Row Labels	Actuals To Date			% BFY Passed
	September	Total	%Spent	
1050003				
AA REGULAR EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION	\$ 24,481.14	\$ 62,110.25	12%	25%
BB REGULAR EMPLOYEE RELATED EXPEN	\$ 45.73	\$ 56.79	1%	25%
CC SPECIAL EMPLOYEES	\$ 59,760.46	\$ 141,320.55	35%	25%
DD PENSION & INSURANCE RELATED EX	\$ -	\$ 12,942.34	8%	25%
EE ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES	\$ -	\$ 11,918.69	39%	25%
FF PROGRAMMATIC FACILITY OPERATONAL SUPPLIES	\$ 264.00	\$ 264.00	26%	25%
HH CONSULTANT SVCS (TO DEPTS)	\$ -	\$ -	0%	25%
JJ OPERATIONAL SERVICES	\$ 15,844.00	\$ 15,844.00	27%	25%
LL EQUIPMENT LEASE-MAINTAIN/REPAR	\$ 106.41	\$ 319.23	5%	25%
MM PURCHASED CLIENT/PROGRAM SVCS	\$ 65,000.00	\$ 65,000.00	33%	25%
NN INFRASTRUCTURE:	\$ -	\$ -	#DIV/0!	25%
TT LOANS AND SPECIAL PAYMENTS	\$ -	\$ -	#DIV/0!	25%
UU IT Non-Payroll Expenses	\$ 11,200.37	\$ 11,657.95	15%	25%
ISA to DPH		\$ -	0%	25%
Grand Total	\$ 176,702.11	\$ 321,433.80	20%	25%

Revenues				
	September	Actuals Total		
Plainridge Assessment	\$ 21,414.80	\$ 32,999.60		
Plainridge Daily License Fee	\$ 18,600.00	\$ 27,600.00		
Plainridge Occupational License	\$ 3,435.00	\$ 8,285.00		
Plainridge Racing Development Oversight Live	\$ 2,884.93	\$ 3,780.06		
Plainridge Racing Development Oversight Simulcast	\$ 40,813.39	\$ 59,654.71		
Racing Oversight and Development Balance Forward	\$ -	\$ 819,005.82		
Raynham Assessment	\$ 13,394.52	\$ 25,479.09		
Raynham Daily License Fee	\$ 12,600.00	\$ 23,700.00		
Raynham Racing Development Oversight Simulcast	\$ 55,955.60	\$ 116,467.88		

Suffolk Assessment	\$	80,710.19	\$	121,010.19
Suffolk Commission Racing Development Oversight Simulcast	\$	28,401.37	\$	48,269.27
Suffolk Daily License Fee	\$	13,200.00	\$	20,400.00
Suffolk Occupational License	\$	-	\$	-
Suffolk Racing Development Oversight Live	\$	-	\$	-
Suffolk TVG Commission Live	\$	-	\$	-
Suffolk TVG Commission Simulcast	\$	15,777.69	\$	35,626.78
Suffolk Twin Spires Commission Live	\$	-	\$	-
Suffolk Twin Spires Commission Simulcast	\$	-	\$	-
Suffolk Xpress Bet Commission Live	\$	-	\$	-
Suffolk Xpress Bet Commission Simulcast	\$	4,657.99	\$	10,558.85
Transfer to General Fund 10500140	\$	-	\$	-
Wonderland Assessment	\$	3,425.50	\$	4,685.50
Wonderland Daily License Fee	\$	15,300.00	\$	21,300.00
Wonderland Racing Development Oversight Simulcast	\$	19,914.63	\$	29,431.76
Plainridge fine	\$	1,850.00		
Suffolk Fine	\$	-		
Transfer to General Fund 10500140				
Plainridge Unclaimed wagers	\$	-		
Suffolk Unclaimed wagers	\$	-		
Raynham Unclaimed wagers	\$	-		
Wonderland Unclaimed wagers	\$	-		
Misc	\$	-		
Grand Total		\$352,335.61		\$1,408,254.51 \$0.00

Row Labels	Actuals To Date		%Spent	% BFY Passed
	September	Total		
10500012				
TT LOANS AND SPECIAL PAYMENTS	\$ -	\$ -	0%	92%
Revenues	September	Actuals Total		
Plainridge Import Harness Horse Simulcast	\$ 2,954.04	\$ 4,348.21		
Plainridge Racing Harness Horse Live	\$ 2,825.89	\$ 3,727.01		
Raynham Import Plainridge Simulcast	\$ 555.92	\$ 1,095.35		
Suffolk Import Plainridge Simulcast	\$ 822.75	\$ 1,284.87		
Plainridge Racecourse Promo Fund Beginning Balance	\$ -	\$ 62,824.19		
TVG Live	\$ -			
TVG Simulcast	\$ 1,229.08			
Twin Spires Live	\$ -			
Twin Spires Simulcast	\$ -			
Xpress Bets Live	\$ -			
Xpress Bets Simulcast	\$ 280.36			
Grand Total	\$ 8,668.04	\$ 73,279.63	\$ -	

Row Labels	Actuals To Date			% BFY Passed
	September	Total	%Spent	
10500013				
TT LOANS AND SPECIAL PAYMENTS		\$ 13,820.00	11%	92%
Revenues				
	September	Actuals Total		
Plainridge Import Harness Horse Simulcast	\$ 7,258.63	\$ 11,364.69		
Plainridge Racing Harness Horse Live	\$ 4,672.93	\$ 6,164.81		
Raynham Import Plainridge Simulcast	\$ 992.57	\$ 2,030.16		
Suffolk Import Plainridge Simulcast	\$ 1,753.58	\$ 2,712.73		
Plainridge Capital Improvement Fund Beginning Balance	\$ -	\$ 257,938.13		
TVG Live	\$ -			
TVG Simulcast	\$ 4,033.29			
Twin Spires Live	\$ -			
Twin Spires Simulcast	\$ -			
Xpress Bets Live	\$ -			
Xpress Bets Simulcast	\$ 2,798.78			
Grand Total	\$21,509.78	\$280,210.52		

Row Labels	Actuals To Date			% BFY Passed
	September	Total	%Spent	
10500021				
TT LOANS AND SPECIAL PAYMENTS	\$ -	\$ -	0%	92%
Revenues				
	September	Actuals Total		
Plainridge Import Running Horse Simulcast	\$ 5,305.62	\$ 7,620.29		
Raynham Import Running Horse Simulcast	\$ 1,922.20	\$ 5,037.67		
Suffolk Import Running Horse Simulcast	\$ 9,205.18	\$ 15,684.90		
Suffolk Racing Running Horse Live	\$ -	\$ -		
Suffolk Promotional Fund Beginning Balance	\$ -	\$ 29,074.13		
TVG Live	\$ -	\$ -		
TVG Simulcast	\$ 4,735.09	\$ 10,921.52		
Twin Spires Live	\$ -	\$ -		
Twin Spires Simulcast	\$ -	\$ -		
Xpress Bets Live	\$ -	\$ -		
Xpress Bets Simulcast	\$ 1,432.54	\$ 3,280.65		
Grand Total	\$22,600.63	\$71,619.16		

Row Labels	Actuals To Date			% BFY Passed
	September	Total	%Spent	
10500022				
TT LOANS AND SPECIAL PAYMENTS	\$ -	\$ -	0%	92%

Revenues	September		Actuals Total	
	September	Actuals Total	September	Actuals Total
Plainridge Import Running Horse Simulcast	\$ 20,379.96	\$ 30,179.84	\$ 20,379.96	\$ 30,179.84
Raynham Import Running Horse Simulcast	\$ 6,445.61	\$ 18,692.21	\$ 6,445.61	\$ 18,692.21
Suffolk Import Running Horse Simulcast	\$ 36,426.66	\$ 60,986.43	\$ 36,426.66	\$ 60,986.43
Suffolk Racing Running Horse Live	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Suffolk Capital Improvement Fund Beginning Balance	\$ -	\$ 117,739.11	\$ -	\$ 117,739.11
TVG Live	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
TVG Simulcast	\$ 17,540.00	\$ 42,344.00	\$ 17,540.00	\$ 42,344.00
Twin Spires Live	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Twin Spires Simulcast	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Xpress Bets Live	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Xpress Bets Simulcast	\$ 3,542.00	\$ 9,670.00	\$ 3,542.00	\$ 9,670.00
Grand Total	\$84,334.23	\$279,611.59	\$84,334.23	\$279,611.59

Row Labels	September		Actuals To Date		% BFY	
	September	Actuals To Date Total	%Spent	Passed	%Spent	Passed
10500140						
TT LOANS AND SPECIAL PAYMENTS	\$ -	\$ -	0%	92%	0%	92%

QRY--Step 16A Budget Amendment Requests by Qtr and Object Class

Amendments for Quarter: **1**

Approp	Type	Obj Class	Division	Obj Code	Description of Change	Date Requested	Apvrd	Denied	Date Approved	Approved Denied By	Comments	Change Amount
10500001	Amendment	AA	1400	A01	Delay in Hires	11/9/2015	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>				(\$8,500.00)
Apvd/Pending Subtotal												(\$8,500.00)
Obj Class Totals												(\$8,500.00)
		EE	1600	E22	Temp Use Space/Confer-Incidental	11/4/2015	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>				(\$1,000.00)
			1500	E30	Move to K07 for Commissioners Table/Risers	10/27/2015	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>				(\$12,393.75)
			1000	E41	UNLV Audit Course for Maria & Jay	10/27/2015	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>				\$7,500.00
Apvd/Pending Subtotal												(\$5,893.75)
Obj Class Totals												(\$5,893.75)
		HH	1000	H19	Slight Reduction to OPM	10/27/2015	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>				(\$7,500.00)
			1700	H23	Overall Contingency	10/19/2015	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>				(\$300,000.00)
Apvd/Pending Subtotal												(\$307,500.00)
Obj Class Totals												(\$307,500.00)
		JJ	5000	J28	Law Enforcement Vehicles	10/1/2015	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>				\$8,500.00
			1600	JJ2	Jack Rabbit/ Banners	11/4/2015	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>				\$1,000.00
Apvd/Pending Subtotal												\$9,500.00
Obj Class Totals												\$9,500.00
		KK	1500	K07	Commissioners Table/Risers	10/27/2015	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>				\$12,393.75
Apvd/Pending Subtotal												\$12,393.75
Obj Class Totals												\$12,393.75
		PP	1700	P01	Data Storage of Player data	10/19/2015	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>				(\$57,971.00)
			1700	P01	Magic Research ISA	10/19/2015	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>				\$80,413.00
			1700	P06	SEIGMA Research ISA	10/19/2015	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>				\$277,558.00
Apvd/Pending Subtotal												\$300,000.00
Obj Class Totals												\$300,000.00
Type Totals												\$0.00

Amendments for Quarter: 1

Approp	Type	Obj Class	Division	Obj Code	Description of Change	Date Requested	Aprvd	Denied	Date Approved	Approved Denied By	Comments	Change Amount
Appropriation Totals												\$0.00

QRY--Step 05A Expense Budget Form

BFY	Appropriation	Division	Obj Clas	Object Class Name	Obligation Ceiling	Accrued Expenses	Cash Expenses	Total Expenses	Encumbered	Committed	Uncommitted	% Spent	% Comtd	% BFY Passed
2016														
	10500001													
		1000		Division of Finance and Administration										
			AA	REGULAR EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION	\$484,700.00	\$0.00	\$141,930.18	\$156,930.18	\$15,000.00	\$171,930.18	\$312,769.82	32.38%	35.47%	135.89%
			BB	REGULAR EMPLOYEE RELATED EXPEN	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,000.00	0.00%	0.00%	135.89%
			DD	PENSION & INSURANCE RELATED EX	\$152,703.30	\$0.00	\$35,540.19	\$35,540.19	\$3,768.09	\$39,308.28	\$113,395.02	23.27%	25.74%	135.89%
			EE	ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES	\$73,586.73	\$0.00	\$61,203.38	\$61,203.38	\$74,030.04	\$135,233.42	(\$61,646.69)	83.17%	183.77%	135.89%
			GG	ENERGY COSTS AND SPACE RENTAL	\$1,045,213.26	\$0.00	\$474,585.21	\$474,585.21	\$690,437.02	\$1,165,022.23	(\$119,808.97)	45.41%	111.46%	135.89%
			HH	CONSULTANT SVCS (TO DEPTS)	\$1,092,173.00	\$0.00	\$317,411.19	\$317,411.19	\$2,428,105.97	\$2,745,517.16	(\$1,653,344.16)	29.06%	251.38%	135.89%
			JJ	OPERATIONAL SERVICES	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$4,066.25	\$4,066.25	\$668.00	\$4,734.25	(\$2,734.25)	203.31%	236.71%	135.89%
			KK	EQUIPMENT PURCHASE	\$40,000.00	\$0.00	\$17,288.51	\$17,288.51	\$601.50	\$17,890.01	\$22,109.99	43.22%	44.73%	135.89%
			LL	EQUIPMENT LEASE-MAINTAIN/REPAR	\$25,617.71	\$0.00	\$5,208.09	\$5,208.09	\$16,960.59	\$22,168.68	\$3,449.03	20.33%	86.54%	135.89%
			UU	IT Non-Payroll Expenses	\$36,000.00	\$0.00	\$3,422.37	\$3,422.37	\$7,623.65	\$11,046.02	\$24,953.98	9.51%	30.68%	135.89%
			Total:	Division of Finance and Administration	\$2,956,994.00	\$0.00	\$1,060,655.37	\$1,075,655.37	\$3,237,194.86	\$4,312,850.23	(\$1,355,856.23)	36.38%	145.85%	135.89%
		1100		Human Resources										
			AA	REGULAR EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION	\$442,935.43	\$0.00	\$78,784.08	\$78,784.08	\$0.00	\$78,784.08	\$364,151.35	17.79%	17.79%	135.89%
			BB	REGULAR EMPLOYEE RELATED EXPEN	\$12,500.00	\$0.00	\$73.88	\$73.88	\$0.00	\$73.88	\$12,426.12	0.59%	0.59%	135.89%
			DD	PENSION & INSURANCE RELATED EX	\$42,923.83	\$0.00	\$17,412.11	\$17,412.11	\$0.00	\$17,412.11	\$25,511.72	40.57%	40.57%	135.89%
			EE	ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES	\$15,653.00	\$0.00	\$14,036.34	\$14,036.34	\$10,674.41	\$24,710.75	(\$9,057.75)	89.67%	157.87%	135.89%
			HH	CONSULTANT SVCS (TO DEPTS)	\$55,000.00	\$0.00	\$227.98	\$227.98	\$0.00	\$227.98	\$54,772.02	0.41%	0.41%	135.89%
			JJ	OPERATIONAL SERVICES	\$21,500.00	\$93.00	\$14,025.59	\$14,118.59	\$14,189.85	\$28,308.44	(\$6,808.44)	65.67%	131.67%	135.89%
			Total:	Human Resources	\$590,512.26	\$93.00	\$124,559.98	\$124,652.98	\$24,864.26	\$149,517.24	\$440,995.02	21.11%	25.32%	135.89%
		1200		Office of the General Counsel										
			AA	REGULAR EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION	\$515,162.60	\$0.00	\$166,045.36	\$166,045.36	\$0.00	\$166,045.36	\$349,117.24	32.23%	32.23%	135.89%
			BB	REGULAR EMPLOYEE RELATED EXPEN	\$6,500.00	\$0.00	\$3,024.48	\$3,024.48	\$0.00	\$3,024.48	\$3,475.52	46.53%	46.53%	135.89%
			DD	PENSION & INSURANCE RELATED EX	\$158,824.63	\$0.00	\$36,642.04	\$36,642.04	\$0.00	\$36,642.04	\$122,182.59	23.07%	23.07%	135.89%
			EE	ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES	\$15,500.00	\$0.00	\$18,748.97	\$18,748.97	\$12,546.97	\$31,295.94	(\$15,795.94)	120.96%	201.91%	135.89%
			HH	CONSULTANT SVCS (TO DEPTS)	\$759,603.14	\$0.00	\$42,602.52	\$42,602.52	\$676,403.37	\$719,005.89	\$40,597.25	5.61%	94.66%	135.89%
			JJ	OPERATIONAL SERVICES	\$1,914,540.60	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00	\$1,911,040.60	0.00%	0.18%	135.89%

BFY	Appropriation	Division	Obj Clas	Object Class Name	Obligation Ceiling	Accrued Expenses	Cash Expenses	Total Expenses	Encumbered	Committed	Uncommitted	% Spent	% Comtd	% BFY Passed
2016														
	10500001													
		1200		Office of the General Counsel										
			Total:	Office of the General Counsel	\$3,370,130.97	\$0.00	\$267,063.37	\$267,063.37	\$692,450.34	\$959,513.71	\$2,410,617.26	7.92%	28.47%	135.89%
		1300		Executive Director										
			AA	REGULAR EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION	\$379,849.56	\$0.00	\$61,267.17	\$61,267.17	\$0.00	\$61,267.17	\$318,582.39	16.13%	16.13%	135.89%
			BB	REGULAR EMPLOYEE RELATED EXPEN	\$8,000.00	\$0.00	\$223.85	\$223.85	\$0.00	\$223.85	\$7,776.15	2.80%	2.80%	135.89%
			DD	PENSION & INSURANCE RELATED EX	\$117,107.62	\$0.00	\$14,141.30	\$14,141.30	\$0.00	\$14,141.30	\$102,966.32	12.08%	12.08%	135.89%
			EE	ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES	\$17,200.00	\$0.00	\$4,646.96	\$4,646.96	\$3,975.00	\$8,621.96	\$8,578.04	27.02%	50.13%	135.89%
			HH	CONSULTANT SVCS (TO DEPTS)	\$545,000.00	\$0.00	\$247,248.60	\$247,248.60	\$414,559.90	\$661,808.50	(\$116,808.50)	45.37%	121.43%	135.89%
			Total:	Executive Director	\$1,067,157.18	\$0.00	\$327,527.88	\$327,527.88	\$418,534.90	\$746,062.78	\$321,094.40	30.69%	69.91%	135.89%
		1400		Information Technology										
			AA	REGULAR EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION	\$683,719.35	\$0.00	\$132,825.35	\$132,825.35	\$0.00	\$132,825.35	\$550,894.00	19.43%	19.43%	135.89%
			BB	REGULAR EMPLOYEE RELATED EXPEN	\$5,500.00	\$0.00	\$191.86	\$191.86	\$0.00	\$191.86	\$5,308.14	3.49%	3.49%	135.89%
			DD	PENSION & INSURANCE RELATED EX	\$210,790.67	\$0.00	\$27,537.16	\$27,537.16	\$0.00	\$27,537.16	\$183,253.51	13.06%	13.06%	135.89%
			EE	ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES	\$46,185.00	\$0.00	\$23,182.38	\$23,182.38	\$97,150.65	\$120,333.03	(\$74,148.03)	50.19%	260.55%	135.89%
			GG	ENERGY COSTS AND SPACE RENTAL	\$84,240.00	\$0.00	\$7,020.00	\$7,020.00	\$19,980.00	\$27,000.00	\$57,240.00	8.33%	32.05%	135.89%
			UU	IT Non-Payroll Expenses	\$4,289,017.99	\$12,884.20	\$368,808.88	\$381,693.08	\$532,595.44	\$914,288.52	\$3,374,729.47	8.90%	21.32%	135.89%
			Total:	Information Technology	\$5,319,453.01	\$12,884.20	\$559,565.63	\$572,449.83	\$649,726.09	\$1,222,175.92	\$4,097,277.09	10.76%	22.98%	135.89%
		1500		Commissioners										
			AA	REGULAR EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION	\$880,962.32	\$0.00	\$259,756.39	\$259,756.39	\$0.00	\$259,756.39	\$621,205.93	29.49%	29.49%	135.89%
			BB	REGULAR EMPLOYEE RELATED EXPEN	\$18,400.00	\$0.00	\$126.60	\$126.60	\$0.00	\$126.60	\$18,273.40	0.69%	0.69%	135.89%
			DD	PENSION & INSURANCE RELATED EX	\$271,600.69	\$0.00	\$59,375.30	\$59,375.30	\$0.00	\$59,375.30	\$212,225.39	21.86%	21.86%	135.89%
			EE	ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES	\$90,000.00	\$0.00	\$34,947.32	\$34,947.32	\$31,362.55	\$66,309.87	\$23,690.13	38.83%	73.68%	135.89%
			HH	CONSULTANT SVCS (TO DEPTS)	\$800,000.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$248,405.50	\$248,905.50	\$551,094.50	0.06%	31.11%	135.89%
			JJ	OPERATIONAL SERVICES	\$54,600.00	\$2,644.50	\$6,480.50	\$9,125.00	\$17,118.78	\$26,243.78	\$28,356.22	16.71%	48.07%	135.89%
			Total:	Commissioners	\$2,115,563.01	\$2,644.50	\$361,186.11	\$363,830.61	\$296,886.83	\$660,717.44	\$1,454,845.57	17.20%	31.23%	135.89%
		1600		Office of Workforce, Supplier and Diversity Development										
			AA	REGULAR EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION	\$153,925.00	\$0.00	\$45,148.46	\$45,148.46	\$0.00	\$45,148.46	\$108,776.54	29.33%	29.33%	135.89%
			BB	REGULAR EMPLOYEE RELATED EXPEN	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$925.85	\$925.85	\$0.00	\$925.85	\$4,074.15	18.52%	18.52%	135.89%

BFY	Appropriation	Division	Obj Clas	Object Class Name	Obligation Ceiling	Accrued Expenses	Cash Expenses	Total Expenses	Encumbered	Committed	Uncommitted	% Spent	% Comtd	% BFY Passed
2016														
	10500001													
		1600		Office of Workforce, Supplier and Diversity Development										
			CC	SPECIAL EMPLOYEES	\$23,400.00	\$0.00	\$5,539.80	\$5,539.80	\$0.00	\$5,539.80	\$17,860.20	23.67%	23.67%	135.89%
			DD	PENSION & INSURANCE RELATED EX	\$47,841.17	\$0.00	\$10,302.32	\$10,302.32	\$0.00	\$10,302.32	\$37,538.85	21.53%	21.53%	135.89%
			EE	ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	\$3,836.55	\$3,836.55	\$1,000.00	\$4,836.55	\$5,163.45	38.37%	48.37%	135.89%
			HH	CONSULTANT SVCS (TO DEPTS)	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	(\$10,000.00)	0.00%	300.00%	135.89%
			PP	STATE AID/POL SUB	\$125,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$125,000.00	0.00%	0.00%	135.89%
			Total:	Office of Workforce, Supplier and Diversity D	\$370,166.17	\$0.00	\$65,752.98	\$65,752.98	\$16,000.00	\$81,752.98	\$288,413.19	17.76%	22.09%	135.89%
		1700		Office of Research and Problem Gambling										
			AA	REGULAR EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION	\$287,383.91	\$0.00	\$46,945.17	\$46,945.17	\$0.00	\$46,945.17	\$240,438.74	16.34%	16.34%	135.89%
			BB	REGULAR EMPLOYEE RELATED EXPEN	\$6,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,021.66	\$1,021.66	\$0.00	\$1,021.66	\$4,978.34	17.03%	17.03%	135.89%
			CC	SPECIAL EMPLOYEES	\$53,699.90	\$0.00	\$5,873.00	\$5,873.00	\$0.00	\$5,873.00	\$47,826.90	10.94%	10.94%	135.89%
			DD	PENSION & INSURANCE RELATED EX	\$89,156.50	\$0.00	\$10,850.16	\$10,850.16	\$0.00	\$10,850.16	\$78,306.34	12.17%	12.17%	135.89%
			EE	ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES	\$25,718.85	\$0.00	\$7,572.43	\$7,572.43	\$9,207.00	\$16,779.43	\$8,939.42	29.44%	65.24%	135.89%
			FF	FACILITY OPERATIONAL EXPENSES	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	0.00%	0.00%	135.89%
			HH	CONSULTANT SVCS (TO DEPTS)	\$1,475,000.00	\$0.00	\$5,789.14	\$5,789.14	\$788,614.78	\$794,403.92	\$680,596.08	0.39%	53.86%	135.89%
			JJ	OPERATIONAL SERVICES	\$4,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,500.00	0.00%	0.00%	135.89%
			MM	PURCHASED CLIENT/PROGRAM SVCS	\$35,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$35,000.00	0.00%	0.00%	135.89%
			PP	STATE AID/POL SUB	\$2,486,010.00	\$0.00	\$357,238.71	\$357,238.71	\$2,319,487.66	\$2,676,726.37	(\$190,716.37)	14.37%	107.67%	135.89%
			UU	IT Non-Payroll Expenses	\$300,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$300,000.00	0.00%	0.00%	135.89%
			Total:	Office of Research and Problem Gambling	\$4,762,969.16	\$0.00	\$435,290.27	\$435,290.27	\$3,117,309.44	\$3,552,599.71	\$1,210,369.45	9.14%	74.59%	135.89%
		1800		Office of Communications										
			AA	REGULAR EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION	\$196,540.31	\$0.00	\$63,415.80	\$63,415.80	\$0.00	\$63,415.80	\$133,124.51	32.27%	32.27%	135.89%
			DD	PENSION & INSURANCE RELATED EX	\$60,593.39	\$0.00	\$13,409.46	\$13,409.46	\$0.00	\$13,409.46	\$47,183.93	22.13%	22.13%	135.89%
			EE	ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES	\$25,000.00	\$0.00	\$18,772.45	\$18,772.45	\$10,713.36	\$29,485.81	(\$4,485.81)	75.09%	117.94%	135.89%
			HH	CONSULTANT SVCS (TO DEPTS)	\$62,500.00	\$0.00	\$11,727.87	\$11,727.87	\$13,266.25	\$24,994.12	\$37,505.88	18.76%	39.99%	135.89%
			KK	EQUIPMENT PURCHASE	\$40,000.00	\$0.00	\$39,564.32	\$39,564.32	\$862.89	\$40,427.21	(\$427.21)	98.91%	101.07%	135.89%
			Total:	Office of Communications	\$384,633.70	\$0.00	\$146,889.90	\$146,889.90	\$24,842.50	\$171,732.40	\$212,901.30	38.19%	44.65%	135.89%
		1900		Ombudsman										

BFY	Appropriation	Division	Obj Clas	Object Class Name	Obligation Ceiling	Accrued Expenses	Cash Expenses	Total Expenses	Encumbered	Committed	Uncommitted	% Spent	% Comtd	% BFY Passed
2016														
	10500001													
		1900		Ombudsman										
			AA	REGULAR EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION	\$234,993.90	\$0.00	\$59,648.32	\$59,648.32	\$0.00	\$59,648.32	\$175,345.58	25.38%	25.38%	135.89%
			DD	PENSION & INSURANCE RELATED EX	\$72,448.62	\$0.00	\$13,454.84	\$13,454.84	\$0.00	\$13,454.84	\$58,993.78	18.57%	18.57%	135.89%
			JJ	OPERATIONAL SERVICES	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	\$656.00	\$656.00	\$17,482.00	\$18,138.00	(\$8,138.00)	6.56%	181.38%	135.89%
			PP	STATE AID/POL SUB	\$400,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$400,000.00	0.00%	0.00%	135.89%
			Total:	Ombudsman	\$717,442.52	\$0.00	\$73,759.16	\$73,759.16	\$17,482.00	\$91,241.16	\$626,201.36	10.28%	12.72%	135.89%
		5000		Investigations Enforcement										
			AA	REGULAR EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION	\$1,700,534.25	\$0.00	\$480,708.90	\$480,708.90	\$0.00	\$480,708.90	\$1,219,825.35	28.27%	28.27%	135.89%
			BB	REGULAR EMPLOYEE RELATED EXPEN	\$19,000.00	\$0.00	\$2,911.63	\$2,911.63	\$0.00	\$2,911.63	\$16,088.37	15.32%	15.32%	135.89%
			CC	SPECIAL EMPLOYEES	\$73,406.25	\$0.00	\$33,840.00	\$33,840.00	\$0.00	\$33,840.00	\$39,566.25	46.10%	46.10%	135.89%
			DD	PENSION & INSURANCE RELATED EX	\$525,482.48	\$0.00	\$110,419.42	\$110,419.42	\$0.00	\$110,419.42	\$415,063.06	21.01%	21.01%	135.89%
			EE	ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES	\$170,000.00	\$3,725.00	\$88,178.51	\$91,903.51	\$65,278.89	\$157,182.40	\$12,817.60	54.06%	92.46%	135.89%
			HH	CONSULTANT SVCS (TO DEPTS)	\$445,000.00	\$0.00	\$9,029.32	\$9,029.32	\$59,393.23	\$68,422.55	\$376,577.45	2.03%	15.38%	135.89%
			JJ	OPERATIONAL SERVICES	\$3,186,192.97	\$0.00	\$501,985.97	\$501,985.97	\$2,049,631.85	\$2,551,617.82	\$634,575.15	15.76%	80.08%	135.89%
			UU	IT Non-Payroll Expenses	\$12,000.00	\$13,943.45	\$0.00	\$13,943.45	\$12,500.00	\$26,443.45	(\$14,443.45)	116.20%	220.36%	135.89%
			Total:	Investigations Enforcement	\$6,131,615.95	\$17,668.45	\$1,227,073.75	\$1,244,742.20	\$2,186,803.97	\$3,431,546.17	\$2,700,069.78	20.30%	55.96%	135.89%
		7000		Licensing										
			AA	REGULAR EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION	\$500,178.29	\$0.00	\$115,915.56	\$115,915.56	\$0.00	\$115,915.56	\$384,262.73	23.17%	23.17%	135.89%
			BB	REGULAR EMPLOYEE RELATED EXPEN	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,000.00	0.00%	0.00%	135.89%
			DD	PENSION & INSURANCE RELATED EX	\$154,204.97	\$0.00	\$24,420.83	\$24,420.83	\$0.00	\$24,420.83	\$129,784.14	15.84%	15.84%	135.89%
			EE	ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES	\$16,350.00	\$0.00	\$11,951.94	\$11,951.94	\$6,470.76	\$18,422.70	(\$2,072.70)	73.10%	112.68%	135.89%
			Total:	Licensing	\$675,733.26	\$0.00	\$152,288.33	\$152,288.33	\$6,470.76	\$158,759.09	\$516,974.17	22.54%	23.49%	135.89%
	Total:	10500001			\$28,462,371.19	\$33,290.15	\$4,801,612.73	\$4,849,902.88	\$10,688,565.95	\$15,538,468.83	\$12,923,902.36	17.04%	54.59%	135.89%
	10500003													
		1100		Human Resources										
			AA	REGULAR EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION	\$82,464.80	\$0.00	\$1,834.68	\$1,834.68	\$0.00	\$1,834.68	\$80,630.12	2.22%	2.22%	135.89%
			DD	PENSION & INSURANCE RELATED EX	\$25,423.90	\$0.00	\$430.66	\$430.66	\$0.00	\$430.66	\$24,993.24	1.69%	1.69%	135.89%
			Total:	Human Resources	\$107,888.70	\$0.00	\$2,265.34	\$2,265.34	\$0.00	\$2,265.34	\$105,623.36	2.10%	2.10%	135.89%

BFY	Appropriation	Division	Obj Clas	Object Class Name	Obligation Ceiling	Accrued Expenses	Cash Expenses	Total Expenses	Encumbered	Committed	Uncommitted	% Spent	% Comtd	% BFY Passed
2016														
	10500003													
		3000		Racing Division										
			AA	REGULAR EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION	\$441,066.92	\$0.00	\$64,164.80	\$64,164.80	\$0.00	\$64,164.80	\$376,902.12	14.55%	14.55%	135.89%
			BB	REGULAR EMPLOYEE RELATED EXPEN	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,000.00	0.00%	0.00%	135.89%
			CC	SPECIAL EMPLOYEES	\$408,245.20	\$0.00	\$205,730.86	\$205,730.86	\$0.00	\$205,730.86	\$202,514.34	50.39%	50.39%	135.89%
			DD	PENSION & INSURANCE RELATED EX	\$142,723.16	\$0.00	\$16,485.69	\$16,485.69	\$0.00	\$16,485.69	\$126,237.47	11.55%	11.55%	135.89%
			EE	ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES	\$30,855.00	\$0.00	\$26,289.80	\$26,289.80	\$21,962.89	\$48,252.69	(\$17,397.69)	85.20%	156.39%	135.89%
			FF	FACILITY OPERATIONAL EXPENSES	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$264.00	\$264.00	\$236.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	26.40%	50.00%	135.89%
			HH	CONSULTANT SVCS (TO DEPTS)	\$32,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$40,000.00	\$40,000.00	(\$8,000.00)	0.00%	125.00%	135.89%
			JJ	OPERATIONAL SERVICES	\$59,300.00	\$1,077.50	\$28,838.50	\$29,916.00	\$93,538.50	\$123,454.50	(\$64,154.50)	50.45%	208.19%	135.89%
			LL	EQUIPMENT LEASE-MAINTAIN/REPAR	\$6,650.00	\$0.00	\$425.64	\$425.64	\$851.28	\$1,276.92	\$5,373.08	6.40%	19.20%	135.89%
			MM	PURCHASED CLIENT/PROGRAM SVCS	\$266,000.00	\$0.00	\$65,000.00	\$65,000.00	\$65,000.00	\$130,000.00	\$136,000.00	24.44%	48.87%	135.89%
			UU	IT Non-Payroll Expenses	\$78,700.00	\$0.00	\$17,146.11	\$17,146.11	\$51,928.89	\$69,075.00	\$9,625.00	21.79%	87.77%	135.89%
			Total:	Racing Division	\$1,471,540.28	\$1,077.50	\$424,345.40	\$425,422.90	\$273,517.56	\$698,940.46	\$772,599.82	28.91%	47.50%	135.89%
Total:	10500003				\$1,579,428.98	\$1,077.50	\$426,610.74	\$427,688.24	\$273,517.56	\$701,205.80	\$878,223.18	27.08%	44.40%	135.89%
	10500013													
		3000		Racing Division										
			TT	LOANS AND SPECIAL PAYMENTS	\$125,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$125,000.00	0.00%	0.00%	135.89%
			Total:	Racing Division	\$125,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$125,000.00	0.00%	0.00%	135.89%
Total:	10500013				\$125,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$125,000.00	0.00%	0.00%	135.89%
	10500021													
		3000		Racing Division										
			TT	LOANS AND SPECIAL PAYMENTS	\$146,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$146,000.00	0.00%	0.00%	135.89%
			Total:	Racing Division	\$146,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$146,000.00	0.00%	0.00%	135.89%
Total:	10500021				\$146,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$146,000.00	0.00%	0.00%	135.89%
	10500022													
		3000		Racing Division										
			TT	LOANS AND SPECIAL PAYMENTS	\$525,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$525,500.00	0.00%	0.00%	135.89%
			Total:	Racing Division	\$525,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$525,500.00	0.00%	0.00%	135.89%
Total:	10500022				\$525,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$525,500.00	0.00%	0.00%	135.89%

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DEPARTMENT NAME: Massachusetts Gaming Commission

Dept. Total By Sources of Funding	<i>Fiscal Year 2015 - Department Total</i>				
	Appropriation Amount	Exempted Amount	IE Amount	ISA Amount	Discretionary Amount
State	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Trust	\$14,241,144	\$3,362,411	\$2,068,505	\$913,000	\$7,897,228
Capital	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
FY2015 Total	\$14,241,144	\$3,362,411	\$2,068,505	\$913,000	\$7,897,228

Column 1	Column 2	Column 3	
MINORITY BUSINESS BENCHMARK			Expended
FY15 Discretionary Budget	FY15 Benchmark	FY15 Departmental Benchmark	96%
7,897,228	6%	473,834	456,485
WOMEN BUSINESS BENCHMARK			
FY15 Discretionary Budget	FY15 Benchmark	FY15 Departmental Benchmark	197%
7,897,228	12%	947,667	1,869,449
SMALL BUSINESS BENCHMARK			
FY15 Discretionary Budget	FY15 Benchmark	FY15 Departmental Benchmark	375%
7,897,228	2.5%	197,431	739,574

Approved By: Agency Head

Signature

SD Officer Signarture

Date

Date

budget_fiscal_year (All)

Row Labels	Sum of pymt_actg_line_amount
MNRT	456,484.86
CAUSEMEDIA INC	227,131.89
NEW ENGLAND OFFICE SUPPLY, INC.	38,593.22
PMA CONSULTANTS LLC	170,060.25
PROAV SYSTEMS INC	1,162.50
SHI INTERNATIONAL CORP	19,185.00
WESTNET INC	352.00
SBUS	739,574.82
BOSTON CAFE & CATERING INC	446.00
CAUSEMEDIA INC	227,131.89
CITY POINT PARTNERS LLC	343,942.50
COMPUWORKS SYSTEMS INC	795.00
DOUGHBOY POLICE SUPPLY	3,870.00
EOS APPROACH LLC	1,183.00
FUTURE TECHNOLOGIES GROUP INC	33,921.00
GREAT GETAWAYS INC	43,141.35
LANE PRINTING CO INC	1,114.01
PEOPLESERVE PRS INC	63,535.53
TARGET LITIGATION CONSULTING	3,107.25
THE RESOURCE CONNECTION INC	17,035.29
WESTNET INC	352.00
WMNO	1,869,449.41
CAUSEMEDIA INC	227,131.89
CITY POINT PARTNERS LLC	343,942.50
COMPUWORKS SYSTEMS INC	795.00
EOS APPROACH LLC	1,183.00
GREAT GETAWAYS INC	43,141.35
KENNISON & ASSOC INC	74,550.40
MASS REPRO LTD	6,082.55
NEW ENGLAND OFFICE SUPPLY, INC.	38,593.22
PEOPLESERVE PRS INC	63,535.53
PINCK & CO INC	1,033,007.38
PROAV SYSTEMS INC	1,162.50
SHI INTERNATIONAL CORP	19,185.00
THE RESOURCE CONNECTION INC	17,035.29
USA COURIERS INC	103.80
Grand Total	3,065,509.09

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Instructions: The tables below are populated automatically based on data entered on Worksheets 3-6.

Dept. Total By Sources of Funding	Fiscal Year 2016 - Department Total				
	Appropriation Amount	Exempted Amount	IE Amount	ISA Amount	Discretionary Amount
State	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Trust	\$16,190,443	\$1,311,560	\$3,571,513	\$2,036,935	\$9,270,435
Capital	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
FY2016 Total	\$16,190,443	\$1,311,560	\$3,571,513	\$2,036,935	\$9,270,435

Column 1	Column 2	Column 3
MINORITY-OWNED BUSINESS BENCHMARK		
FY16 Discretionary Budget	FY16 Benchmark	FY16 Departmental Benchmark
9,270,435	7%	648,930
WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS BENCHMARK		
FY16 Discretionary Budget	FY16 Benchmark	FY16 Departmental Benchmark
9,270,435	13%	1,205,157
SMALL BUSINESS BENCHMARK		
FY16 Discretionary Budget	FY16 Benchmark	FY16 Departmental Benchmark
9,270,435	3.3%	305,924
SERVICE-DISABLED VETERAN-OWNED BUSINESS BENCHMARK		
FY16 Discretionary Budget	FY16 Benchmark	FY16 Departmental Benchmark
9,270,435	3.0%	278,113

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Worksheet 2: Excluded/Exempt Object Codes

Dept Name: Massachusetts Gaming Commission

Instructions: The following Object Classes are exempt from discretionary budget calculations:

- AA-Payroll
- BB-Employee Expense
- CC-Student Interns
- DD-Health Care
- PP-Grants
- RR-Scholarships
- SS-Debt payment
- TT-Loans
- GG- Rent

Any additional exclusions must be done by specific Object Code and justified below.

Object Code	Object Code Name	Amount	Reason for Exclusion
H19	Management Consultants	\$ 1,195,000.00	This is a multi-year procurement that is non-discretionary.
U02	Telecommunications-Voice	\$ 116,560.00	This is for phone services which is non-discretionary.

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Worksheet 5: Trust Account Summary

Dept Name: Massachusetts Gaming Commission

Instructions: Complete the table below for all of your department's Trust appropriations. This can be done directly and/or by combining the "Appropriation Total" lines for all appropriations listed on the Trust Account Detail worksheet.

Appropriation (Account)	Appropriation Amount	Exempted Amount	IE Chargeback Amount	ISA Chargebacks	FY16 Discretionary
					\$0
10500001	\$15,715,938	\$1,311,560	\$3,571,513	\$1,935,935	\$8,896,930
10500003	\$474,505	\$0	\$0	\$101,000	\$373,505
					\$0
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					\$0
Dept. Total	\$16,190,443	\$1,311,560	\$3,571,513	\$2,036,935	\$9,270,435

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Worksheet 9: Trust Account Detail

Dept Name: Massachusetts Gaming Commission

Instructions: Complete the table below for each appropriation. Copy and paste copies of the table to add appropriations.

Appropriation (Account)	Object Class (Subsidiary)	Appropriation Amount	Exempted Amount	IE Amount	ISA Chargebacks	FY16 Discretionary Dollar Amount
10500001						\$0
	EE	\$505,194		\$63,939	\$13,894	\$427,361
	FF	\$500				\$500
	HH	\$5,239,276	\$1,195,000		\$17,500	\$4,026,776
	JJ	\$5,193,333		\$3,186,193	\$1,904,541	\$102,599
	KK	\$80,000				\$80,000
	LL	\$25,617				\$25,617
	MM	\$35,000				\$35,000
	UU	\$4,637,018	\$116,560	\$321,381		\$4,199,077
Appropriation Total		\$15,715,938	\$1,311,560	\$3,571,513	\$1,935,935	\$8,896,930

Appropriation (Account)	Object Class (Subsidiary)	Appropriation Amount	Exempted Amount	IE Amount	ISA Chargebacks	FY16 Discretionary Dollar Amount
10500003						\$0
	EE	\$30,855				\$30,855
	FF	\$1,000				\$1,000
	HH	\$32,000				\$32,000
	JJ	\$59,300				\$59,300
	LL	\$6,650				\$6,650
	MM	\$266,000			\$101,000	\$165,000
	UU	\$78,700				\$78,700
Appropriation Total		\$474,505	\$0	\$0	\$101,000	\$373,505

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Object Class (Subsidiary)	Exempted Amount	IE Amount	ISA Chargebacks
EE		2,664 2,400 12,690 46,185	13,394
HH	180,000 100,000 495,000 20,000 400,000		17,500
JJ		3,186,193	1,904,541
MM			101,000
UU	1,800 480 86,200 1,920 9,000 2,160 15,000 1,311,560	10,000 173,671 137,710 3,571,513	2,036,435

MGC'S EMPLOYEE STATISTICS

Current Headcount

- 72 MGC Employees
- 20 Seasonal Racing Employees
 - 92 Employees Total

Recruitment Activity since 5/22/15

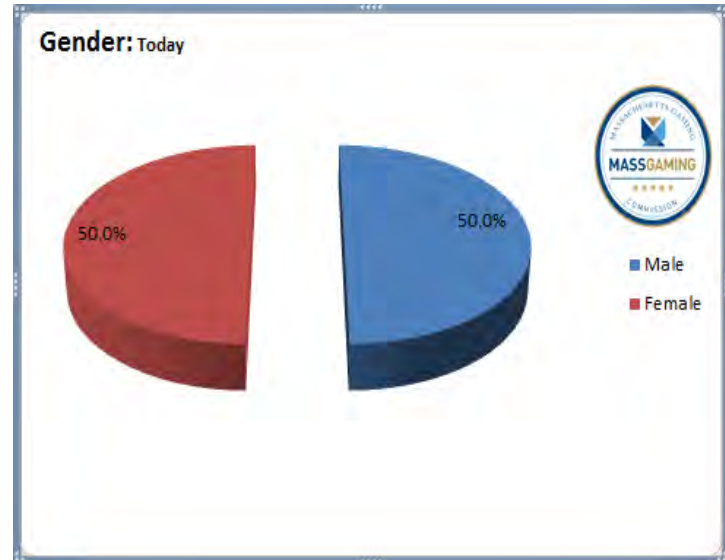
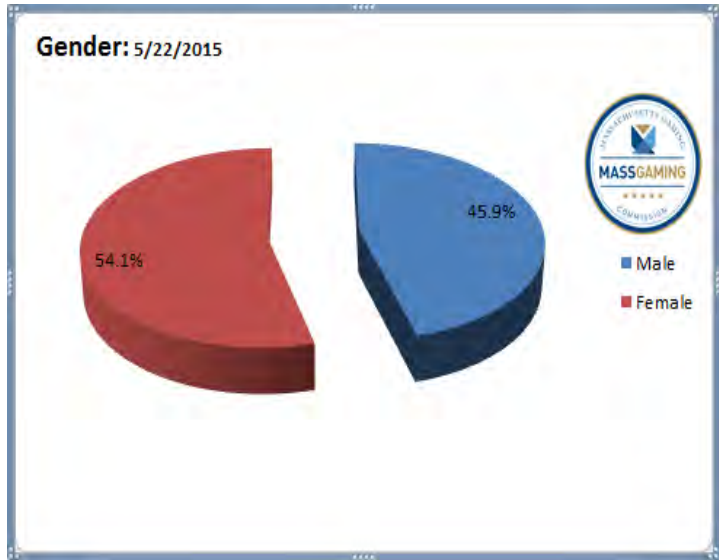
- 8 Gaming Employees
- 3 Seasonal Racing Employees

MGC DIVERSITY GOAL

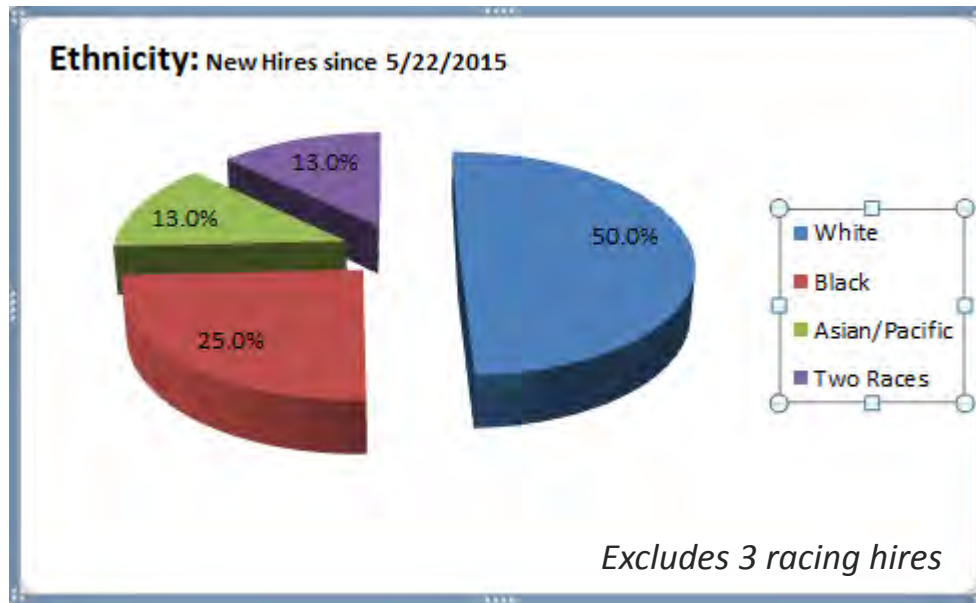
- Greater Boston is 34.4% Diverse
- Massachusetts is 19.5% Diverse
 - **MGC's goal is 25% Diverse**



GENDER DEMOGRAPHICS

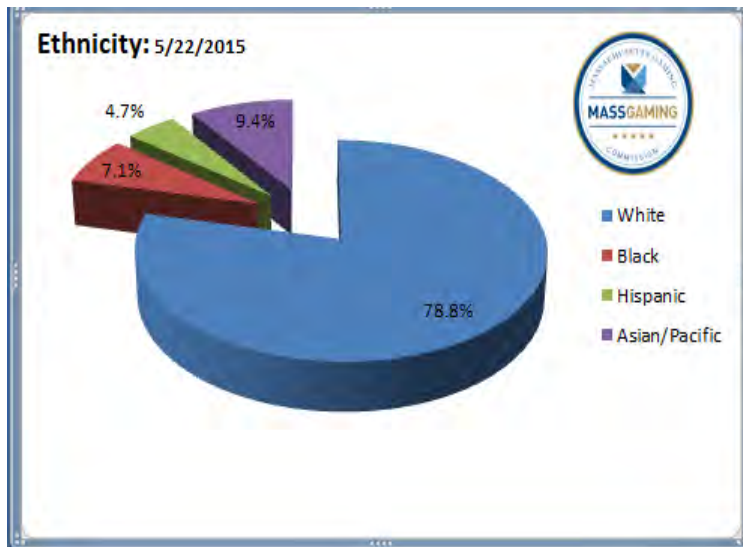


ETHNICITY OF NEW EMPLOYEES

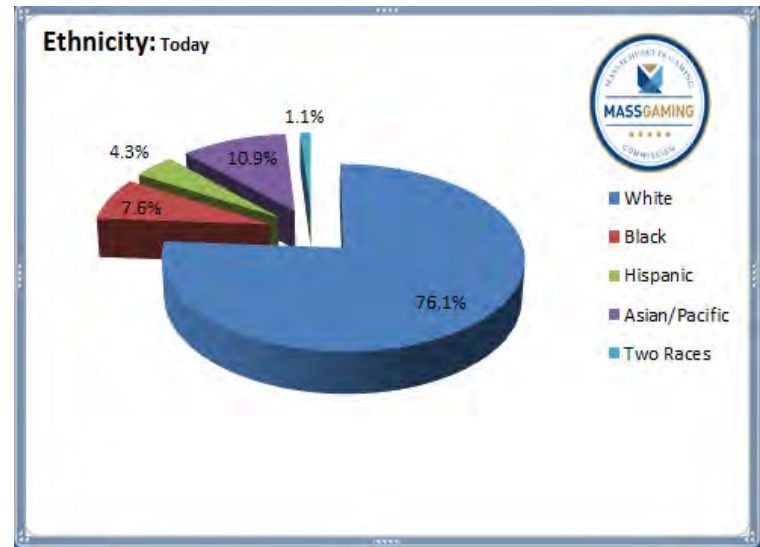


ETHNICITY OF ALL EMPLOYEES

Goal = 25% Diverse



3.8 Points from Goal



1.1% Points from Goal



DIVERSITY EFFORTS

Measurement of Diversity

- Developed and enhanced Affirmative Action Data Record form
- Actively developing relationships with diversity associations
- Implemented an applicant tracking system to ensure a diverse candidate pool





To:	
From:	
Date:	
Subject:	Workplace Flexibility

Workplace flexibility is a mutually beneficial arrangement between employees and employers in which both parties agree on when and how the employee will work to meet the organization’s needs.

Workplace flexibility should be viewed as a management tool to enhance productivity rather than an employee benefit. It works best when implemented to address both employees’ needs for work/life support and the Employer’s needs for efficiency and productivity.

Workplace flexibility has advantages for both employers and employees. Some benefits to consider are as follows:

<i>The Commission</i>	<i>Employees</i>
Better able to attract and retain quality employees	Employees have greater control over when and how their work gets done
Possible reduced turnover	Employees can be involved in community, school and family events taking place during traditional work hours
Increased productivity	Decreased stress
Reduction in missed work due to illness, non-work demands	
Supports the Commission’s core value of Diversity Inclusion on issues related to gender, caregiver status, generational issues, disabilities	

In addition to positive outcomes, there are potentially negative outcomes associated with workplace flexibility, particularly if the policy is abused. Some issues to consider are as follows:

- Not all positions are eligible. Some roles are more suited to flexibility vs. others.
- Lack of integration. Employees working flexibly may not be integrated well with the team or workflow.
- Compressed workweeks results in more hours worked per day and could lead to strain and burnout.



The following is a sample Flextime Policy for the Commission to consider. It covers two types of flexible arrangements – (1) Flextime Schedule, and (2) Compressed Workweek:

Flextime Policy

Workplace flexibility is a mutually beneficial arrangement between employees and the Commission in which both agree on when and how the employee will work to meet the Commission's needs. Alternative work schedules are consistent with the Massachusetts Gaming Commission's efforts toward work/life balance as well as enhancing productivity and meeting the needs of the Commission.

Flexible arrangements may not be available to all positions at the MGC for a variety of reasons including functions that must operate outside the Commission's core hours. Managers are encouraged to approve employees' requests for a flexible arrangement whenever it is possible, provided it does not compromise the goals of the Commission. Requests for a flextime arrangement will be approved or denied based on staffing needs, the employee's job duties, and the employee's ability to temporarily or permanently return to a standard workweek. The Commission offers two types of flexible arrangements – (1) Flextime Schedule and (2) Compressed Workweek.

Flextime Schedule: A Flextime schedule is an arrangement whereby participants work Monday – Friday, but vary their arrivals and departure within certain bandwidths.

Compressed Workweek: A compressed workweek allows full-time employees to work longer days for part of the week in exchange for shorter days or day off within the same workweek.

Full-time employees on a compressed schedule may not work less than 4 days per week.

If an observed holiday falls on a scheduled work day, the employee may use no more than 7.5 hours of holiday benefit. The employee must apply accrued holiday comp, vacation or personal time to cover any difference between their scheduled hours and the 7.5 holiday hours or work the additional hours on another day(s) within the same workweek.

If the holiday falls on a non-scheduled work day, then the employee will accrue not more than 7.5 hours of holiday comp time that must be used within 30 days of the observed holiday.

The following applies to both a Flextime Schedule and a Compressed Workweek:

- An employee must have been employed by the Commission for at least 6 months.
- A flexible arrangement must be set and not vary from workweek to workweek.
- Full-time employees must work a minimum of 37.5 hours per week.



- Employees must first discuss a possible flextime arrangement with their supervisor and then submit the request in writing using the appropriate form. The form must be approved by the supervisor or manager, division head, and human resources. Managers are responsible for ensuring that the department has adequate coverage and that the needs of Commission are met.
- A flextime arrangement may be suspended or cancelled at any time for any reason. In such cases, employees will be given a minimum of 5 business days notice.
- Exempt employees may need to deviate from a flextime schedule to perform their jobs.
- Non-exempt employees may be asked to work overtime regardless of a flextime arrangement.
- The operating hours of the Commission are Monday – Friday, 8:45am to 5:00pm with the core hours being, 10:00am to 3:30pm. An employee’s flexible workday must include the core hours of operation. Employees may begin their workday no earlier than 7:30am and work as late as 7:00pm. Flextime employees must cooperate with supervisors to ensure that adequate coverage is maintained during operating and core hours.
- Employees with a flexible arrangement must take at least one thirty minute meal period during their workday. Employees may not schedule their meal period at the beginning or end of their work day for a later arrival or earlier departure.
- Employees taking accrued paid time off on a workday must apply leave hours equivalent to number of hours scheduled for that day(s).
- Employees must enter their time correctly in self-service time and attendance. Failure to record weekly hours appropriately will result in termination from the flextime program.
- Employees who abuse the flextime policy may be suspended from the program indefinitely and may be subject to additional disciplinary actions up to and including termination.



Date: _____

Employee Name: _____

Duration of flexible arrangement:

- Ongoing
- Specific date range _____

Type of arrangement

- Flextime Schedule
- Compressed workweek

Effective date: _____

Day:	Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
Start Time:							
End Time:							
Duration of Meal Period (minimum of 30 minutes)							
Total hours worked (excluding meal period)							

Employee Signature: _____ Date: _____

Manager Approval: _____ Date: _____

Division Head Approval: _____ Date: _____

Human Resources Approval: _____ Date: _____

Holidays

Policy Statement

It is the policy of the Massachusetts Gaming Commission (MGC) to observe certain holidays designated by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Applies to

All employees excluding those in employment categories Co-op, Intern, Contract.

Definitions

Designated Holiday	Date
New Years	January 1
Martin Luther King Day	3 rd Monday In January
President's Day	3 rd Monday in February
Patriot's Day	3 rd Mon in April
Memorial Day	4 th Monday in May
Independence Day	July 4
Labor Day	1 st Monday in September
Columbus Day	2 nd Monday in October
Veterans' Day	November 11
Thanksgiving	4 th Thursday in November
Christmas	December 25

Procedure

- Holidays that fall on a normal work day will be observed on the holiday itself.
- Holidays that fall on a Sunday will be observed on a Monday; holidays that fall on a Saturday will be observed on the preceding Friday.
- If a holiday falls on a weekend day, the Executive Director (ED) may offer the following alternative: MGC offices will be kept open on the preceding Friday or the following Monday and managers/supervisors will designate a 'skeleton force' so that the office remains open during the required workday. Gaming facilities must be fully staffed on a holiday. Racing facilities may be fully staffed depending on the racing schedule. All other employees may observe the day as a holiday. Employees who are required to work on an observed holiday will receive their regular pay and be given one and a half hours of holiday compensatory (comp) time for each hour worked. Human Resources must be notified of any staff member who works an observed holiday to ensure

that the comp time is accurately recorded on the time sheet. Employees may use the comp time at the employee's request, provided the use of comp time does not unduly disrupt the operation of the department. Employees who choose to work a holiday, but are not required to do so, must seek prior approval from their department head. They will receive their regular pay plus one holiday comp time hour for each hour worked.

- Holiday comp time must be used within 30 days from the holiday worked. Upon termination of employment an employee shall be paid for any unused compensatory time at the final regular rate of pay.
- Part-time employees will receive holiday pay on a pro-rated basis.
- Employees who wish to observe any other holidays not recognized by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts may apply their accrued holiday comp, personal or vacation leave toward their absence. Such absence must be approved in advance by the employee's manager..
- Employees who are on unpaid leave are not eligible for holiday pay if the holiday is observed during their leave.
- If an employee is scheduled to work on an observed holiday and does not report to work due to sickness or any other reason, the day will be recorded on their timesheet as a holiday and they will not receive additional holiday comp time.

Responsibility

Management, Executive Director, Human Resources

Approved By Karen Wells, Executive Director

Date

References to other policies/laws/regulations Time and Attendance; Pay Practices; Employment Categories; Vacation; Personal Leave

Created 10/28/2014

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Reviewed



Essential Personnel Designation and Notification Form

Employee Name

Department

Job Title

Supervisor Name

You have been designated as **essential personnel** in the event that an emergency or disaster forces the closing of MGC operations, or for other events deemed appropriate by the Executive Director. **Essential personnel** may be required to report to work if either contacted by your supervisor or the MGC announces "**Essential Personnel Only**" staffing via the MGC hot-line at 617-979-8494 or their immediate supervisor. Employees may also consult the Emergency Management web-site for information and updates at <http://mass.gov/eopss/agencies/mema/>

When "**Essential Personnel Only**" staffing is announced, it will normally indicate that MGC is closed and travel is restricted, but certain employees need to report to duty to conduct business that cannot be postponed or cancelled.

Please refer to the "**Office Closure / Inclement Weather Policy**" in the Human Resources (HR) Policy for full details. The HR Policy Manual can be found on the MGC Intranet. Failing to attend to the responsibilities associated with being designated as **essential personnel** may result in appropriate disciplinary action up to, and including termination.

IF CHECKED, THE EMPLOYEE NOTED ABOVE IS A SUPERVISOR AND IS REQUIRED TO MAINTAIN THE WORK, HOME, AND CELL PHONE NUMBERS OF ESSENTIAL PERSONNEL UNDER THEIR DIRECT OR INDIRECT SUPERVISION.

Employee Signature:

Date:

Supervisor Signature:

Date:

Division Head Signature:

Date:

Human Resources Signature:

Date:

Once this form has been discussed and signed by all parties, provide a copy to the employee, retain a copy for department files and forward the original to Human Resources.

Office Closure/Inclement Weather

Policy Statement

It is the policy of the Massachusetts Gaming Commission (MGC) to take a pro-active stand in the event of dangerous conditions resulting from inclement weather or other emergencies. The MGC will make every effort to ensure employee safety and well-being.

Applies to

All employees

Procedure

■ If offices are operational:

- Employees who are unable to report to work or continue scheduled work due to inclement weather/other emergency will have their leave charged in one of the following categories at their option:
 - Earned compensatory or exchange time;
 - Accrued vacation or personal time;
 - Authorized leave without pay;
 - Modified schedule for the remainder of the week.
- Tardiness due to an employee's inability to report for work as scheduled because of severe inclement weather/other emergency, will be allowed up to one hour without having to take leave or as extended by the Executive Director or designee, or supervisor, due to special conditions.
- Employees who are scheduled to be or are already on leave for some other reasons (e.g. vacation, sick, military leave or leave without pay) will not have their leave changed as a result of inclement weather/other emergency.

■ The Executive Director has the authority to:

- Suspend office operations if public safety, health or property is jeopardized due to emergency conditions and/or in response to the Governor's directive.
 - Reduce the length of the work day
 - Authorize leave with pay as conditions and circumstances warrant.
 - Appoint a designee to assist and/or act in her/his behalf.
- Employees may call the MGC hotline at **617-979-8484** or their immediate supervisor, in the event of inclement weather/other emergency to determine if an office is closed. Information will be posted

by 6:30 a.m. In addition, the information will be sent to all employees via e-mail. The MGC hotline number is located on the MGC phone list and other postings such as those on the MGC website.

- Employees may also consult the Emergency Management website for information and updates <http://www.mass.gov/eopss/agencies/mema/>
- Should the office be open when inclement weather/other emergency conditions are present, employees are expected to use sound judgment to evaluate travel conditions before making the determination to travel to work.
- Employees must report they will not report to work as appropriate and as soon as circumstances allow.
- **If offices are closed:**
 - The Executive Director may determine the safety and well-being of employees are at risk or that the offices are inoperable or incapable of providing regular services due to inclement weather/other emergencies; in that case she/ he may release employees at no loss of pay.
 - **Essential employees** are MGC staff who are designated by each division head to be critical to the continuation of key operations and services in the event of extraordinary situations. In the event of a suspension of operations, the Executive Director in consultation with senior management will determine which services are essential based on the nature of the event. The division or department head will promptly notify the identified essential personnel of the need to report for duty.
 - a. Each division head must create and maintain an up-to-date list of essential personnel and provide the list upon request by the Executive Director. Division heads are responsible for notifying staff members who have been identified as essential personnel, in writing, that they have received this designation, using the Essential Personnel Designation and Notification Form.
 - b. Essential personnel who have supervisory responsibilities are required to maintain the work, home, and cell phone numbers of essential personnel working under their direct or indirect supervision.
 - c. All Gaming Agents and Supervising Gaming Agents are essential employees and may be required to report to work during a state of emergency. Any Agent who is at work during this time may be required to work overtime if they are not relieved by another Agent. If an Agent is not able to be relieved after 2 shifts, the Commission will make arrangements to secure nearby hotel rooms for the staff.
 - d. Employees who work during any disruption will not receive extra pay, compensatory or exchange time, with the exception of non-exempt employees who may be entitled to overtime pay in accordance with state and federal labor laws.
 - e. Depending on the nature and suspension of operations, and at the discretion of the Division Head, essential personnel may be excused from service for the following reasons:
 - i. The staff member is on a medical leave.

- ii. The staff member has a personal circumstance that prohibits him or her from reporting to duty or necessitates departure from the workplace during the course of suspension of operations (e.g., a child or elder care issue).
 - iii. Local or regional government authorities have determined that travel at time of activation between the staff member's location and the assigned work area creates a risk of harm to the staff member or others, or is prohibited. In such instances, the staff member who is unable to travel must notify his or her department head no later than one hour before the scheduled work start time.
- f. Designated essential personnel who do not report to work during suspension of operations must apply accrued leave, as appropriate, for such time away from work; unless exempted by their respective division head.

Responsibility

Executive Director

Approved By Karen Wells , Executive Director

Date

References to other policies/laws/regulations M.G.L. c23K s3; Vacation; Personal Leave

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October 8, 2015

Mr. Stephen Crosby, Chair
Massachusetts Gaming Commission
101 Federal Street, 12th Floor
Boston, MA 02110

Dear Chairman Crosby:

Please accept this correspondence as a request by the Town of Pembroke to be designated by the Commission as a "surrounding community" for the proposed casino at the Brockton Fairgrounds on Belmont Street in Brockton.

The Pembroke Board of Selectmen unanimously voted to submit this petition on September 21, 2015, under the provisions of the Commission's regulations 205 CMR 125.01 (2) 4 "increased demand on community and regional water and sewer systems". The Town is home to Silver Lake, the major source of water to the City of Brockton. Engineering estimates show thousands of gallons of water will be required for the proposed casino thereby "adversely affecting" the delicate ecosystem that exists in Silver Lake and surrounding bodies of water in Pembroke.

The Board of Selectmen respectfully requests favorable consideration of the Town's petition to be designated as a "surrounding community".

Sincerely,

For the Pembroke Board of Selectmen

Arthur P. Boyle, Jr., Chairman
Lewis W. Stone, Vice Chairman
Willard J. Boulter, Jr., Clerk
Michelle L. Burt, Selectman
Daniel W. Trabucco, Selectman

Edwin J. Thorne
Town Administrator

October 19, 2015

By First Class Mail

Massachusetts Gaming Commission
101 Federal Street, 12th Floor
Boston, MA 02110
Attn: John Ziemba, Ombudsman

Re: Request by Town of Pembroke for Designation as Surrounding Community

Dear Ombudsman Ziemba:

I am writing on behalf of Mass Gaming & Entertainment, LLC (“MGE”), in response to the request by Pembroke Town Administrator Edwin J. Thorne, in a letter dated October 8, 2015, on behalf of the Pembroke Board of Selectmen, that Pembroke be designated as a Surrounding Community under 205 CMR 125.01(2)(b)4.

Pembroke’s stated reason for seeking Surrounding Community status is the claim that Brockton will need to withdraw additional water from Silver Lake to serve MGE’s project. The Massachusetts Legislature authorized Brockton’s withdrawal of drinking water from Silver Lake over a century ago. Today that withdrawal is subject to and has the benefit of a Department of Environmental Protection permit, as are Brockton’s withdrawals of water from other sources. As is the case for any business purchasing water from the City, MGE will have no control over Brockton’s sources of water or from which source(s) water is withdrawn to serve MGE’s project.

As detailed in the enclosed letter from Brockton Mayor Bill Carpenter and the enclosed Water Supply Summary Memorandum by Bohler Engineering, the City’s existing water withdrawal capacity is more than sufficient to support the project’s needs. Brockton has approximately 4.7 Million gallons per day in unused withdrawal capacity, available from several sources. Bohler estimates that the project’s daily needs will be approximately 115,000 gallons per day or approximately 0.7% of the City’s current regulated water withdrawal capacity of 15.4 Million gallons per day.

For the foregoing reasons, I respectfully request that the Massachusetts Gaming Commission deny Pembroke’s request to be designated a Surrounding Community to MGE’s Brockton project.

Sincerely,



Charles N. Le Ray

Enclosure

cc: Edwin J. Thorne, Pembroke Town Administrator



Brockton, Massachusetts
"City of Champions"
Bill Carpenter – Mayor

October 16, 2015

Mr. Stephen Crosby, Chair
Massachusetts Gaming Commission
101 Federal Street, 12th floor
Boston, MA 02110

Dear Mr. Crosby:

I have been informed by Mass Gaming & Entertainment, LLC, (MG & E) that the Town of Pembroke has petitioned the Commission to be considered a "surrounding community" for the proposed casino in Brockton on the basis of "increased demand on community and regional water and sewer systems", because "the town is home to Silver Lake, the major source of water to the city". I write to you to register my opposition to this request and to ask that you deny that designation to Pembroke.

The city obtains its water from a variety of sources, not just Silver Lake. In addition to Silver Lake, the city currently obtains water from its treatment plant on the Brockton Reservoir, located both in Brockton and Avon, and from a water purchase agreement with a private operator of a desalination plant in Dighton; this company's name is Aquaria. The city's withdrawals from these sources is regulated by the state DEP and also by a Consent Order with the state. I know that MG & E has filed a letter prepared by its engineering firm, Bohler Engineering, which describes in detail the city's water sources, and the allowed draw from each. I won't reiterate all of that information in this letter. However, suffice it to say that the proposed impact of the MG & E project on the city's water demand will be minimal: approximately 0.1 million gallons per day (MGD), or less than 1 % of the city's current withdrawals from all sources.

The city currently has withdrawal allocations from its various sources which exceed the city's current need by almost 4.7 MGD. The city's water supply clearly has the ability to support the additional demand from the casino project. In fact the city's current withdrawal from Silver Lake alone is well under the 11.1 million authorized by the consent decree. That source alone could legally satisfy the demand of the casino. The combination of the Silver Lake plus Brockton Reservoir increases the available supply to 11.3 MGD. The average withdrawal from these two sources alone of 10.7 MGD leaves plenty of capacity to serve the casino. Even so, that capacity ignores the additional supply furnished by the city's water purchase agreement.

Pursuant to the consent decree, the city secured the additional source provided by the water purchase agreement with the company that operates the desalination plant in Dighton. This source is intended to allow the support of growth in the city's water supply in order to support commercial and residential

growth in the city. It would be extremely unfair to ignore the ability of this additional supply of about 4 MGD to support the city's needs.

There is no lack of water supply to Brockton to satisfy the needs of the proposed. The city's use of its water sources is already heavily regulated by state agencies. Accordingly, I request that the Commission deny the request of the Town of Pembroke.

Very truly yours,


Bill Carpenter
Mayor



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WATER SUPPLY SUMMARY MEMORANDUM

DATE: October 16, 2015

TO: Mass Gaming & Entertainment, LLC

FROM: Matthew D. Smith, P.E., Bohler Engineering
Stephen Martorano, P.E., Bohler Engineering

SUBJECT: Proposed Category 1 Gaming Establishment
Water Supply Summary
Belmont Street, West Street & Forest Avenue
Brockton, MA

We are responding to questions relative to the proposed water usage and supply with respect to the proposed Resort Casino in Brockton, MA. The city has several contractual agreements to withdraw up to 15.4 MGD of water and currently utilizes approximately 10.7 MGD as further described below. The proposed gaming facility is estimated to use approximately 0.1 MGD, or approximately 0.7% of the City's current regulated allocation. Therefore, since the City has additional available withdrawal of 4.7 MGD, the City has ample capacity to service the proposed Resort Casino.

Mass Gaming & Entertainment, LLC, like any other business in the City, is merely a purchaser of water and has no control over where the City of Brockton sources water withdrawals. The City's water withdrawal is regulated by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection and is outside of Mass Gaming & Entertainment, LLC control as a private property and business owner.

Existing City of Brockton Water Supply

The City of Brockton Department of Public Works Division of Water and Sewer supplies the City of Brockton with its drinking water. Brockton currently has multiple registered and permitted withdrawal sources available from which potable water is drawn from to serve the city (see attached DEP Public Water System Annual Statistical Report for information on withdrawal limits and usage data for each of the available sources). The primary source of water is Silver Lake, located in Pembroke, Kingston, and Plympton and within the Jones River Watershed, from which the city is permitted to withdraw 11.11 MGD. The secondary source is the Brockton Reservoir (Avon Reservoir) which the City is permitted to withdraw 0.83 MGD. Although the combined yield of Silver Lake and the Brockton Reservoir is 11.94 MGD, a DEP Consent Order limits the withdrawal to a total of 11.30 MGD. The third available source is the Aquaria Desalinization Plant, located in Dighton on the lower Taunton River, which Brockton is contracted to purchase up to 4.07 MGD. The Aquaria Desalinization Plant contract was secured pursuant to satisfying the above referenced Consent Order in order to ensure that the City could support growth in its water demand while remaining under the restrictions imposed by

DEP on withdrawals from the City's other sources. The City also has an emergency well on Hubbard Avenue with an available withdrawal of 0.04 MGD. Collectively Brockton can provide up to 15.4 MGD. On average, Brockton is withdrawing 10.7 MGD, the majority of which comes from Silver Lake. Accordingly, the Brockton water supply system has an additional available allocation from the combinations of these sources of 4.7 MGD.

Proposed Project Water Use

Mass Gaming & Entertainment, LLC is proposing to construct an approximately 258,000 square foot (SF) building plus associated hotel and appurtenances as authorized by a Category 1 license under Chapter 23K of the General Laws. The Resort Casino is currently planned to include a gaming facility, a hotel, restaurants, sundry retail, multifunctional meeting, event and entertainment space, and back of house spaces. In total, the proposed facility will consist of approximately 512,000 SF of floor area. Other components of the Resort Casino will include valet parking, surface parking areas and a parking structure, and all required systems in accordance with the law and the Resort Casino's LEED Gold, sustainable, and energy efficiency objectives.

Based on water use records from similar resort casino projects owned and operated by affiliates of Mass Gaming & Entertainment, LLC, the Resort Casino is conservatively estimated to use approximately 115,000 GPD (0.1 MGD) of potable water, roughly 0.7% of the allowable withdrawals from the available City sources, which in turn maintains an additional 4.6 MGD capacity over current withdrawal rates (including the proposed 0.1 MGD Resort Casino's projected water usage). As outlined under the "Existing City of Brockton Water Supply" section, there is ample capacity between the available sources to accommodate the additional flows anticipated from the Resort Casino.

Conclusion

The City has sufficient water supply withdrawal capacity to support the Resort Casino's demand. Any City of Brockton withdrawals are regulated by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection and are outside of Mass Gaming & Entertainment, LLC control as a private property and business owner.



TO: Commissioners
FROM: John S. Ziemba
DATE: November 9, 2015
RE: Draft 2016 Mitigation Fund Guidelines

Attached please find a concept draft of the 2016 Community Mitigation Fund Guidelines. I recommend that the Commission seek input on this concept draft after the conclusion of the Commission's initial review. In addition to a request for comments on the massgaming.com website, I recommend that the Commission seek the input of the Gaming Policy Advisory Committee, regional planning agencies, host communities, surrounding communities, communities that entered into a nearby community agreement, and communities that petitioned to become a surrounding community. Comments from other communities and governmental entities are also welcome.

This concept draft includes a number of draft changes to the 2015 Community Mitigation Fund Guidelines. The concept draft:

- Expands the potential use of the Fund to include operational impacts relating to the Plainridge Park Facility, as the Plainridge Park Facility is now operational;
- Automatically preserves unused 2015 Community Mitigation Fund Reserve Funds for those communities awarded Reserves in 2015;
- Authorizes communities that were eligible to apply for the 2015 Reserve to apply for the Reserve in 2016, even though they were not awarded \$100,000 one-time reserves in 2015;
- Expands the eligibility for the one-time \$100,000 Reserve to include host communities;
- Creates new Transportation Planning Fund Grants to enable communities to engage in planning for transportation projects which typically take many years to plan;
- Requires a match or partial match by a governmental applicant or a licensee or both for any Fund requests for assistance to non-governmental entities;

- Establishes a target 2016 award amount of \$4.9 million reflecting that the current \$14.75 million currently unallocated in the Fund will not be supplemented by additional funds until after the MGM Springfield and Wynn Everett facilities are projected to be operational in 2018;
- Establishes a target limitation of \$982,000 for Transportation Planning Grants, equivalent to 20% of the \$4.9 million estimated 2016 target award amount;
- Places a limit of \$500,000 on awards relating to any Category 2 specific impacts; and
- Allocate \$350,000 for the Springfield Historic Preservation Fund.

This concept draft continues the 2015 Fund Guidelines practice of having one statewide fund. As a result, statewide Category 1 and 2 related applications are not limited to an amount reflecting the financial contributions to the Fund of the gaming facility in the specific region.



Massachusetts Gaming Commission

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MASSACHUSETTS GAMING COMMISSION

2016 COMMUNITY MITIGATION FUND GUIDELINES

What is the Community Mitigation Fund?

The Expanded Gaming Act, MGL c. 23K, created the Community Mitigation Fund to help entities offset costs related to the construction and operation of a gaming establishment.

When Is the Application Deadline?

February 1, 2016. MGL c. 23K, § 61 states that “parties requesting appropriations from the fund shall submit a written request for funding to the Commission by February 1.”

Who Can Apply?

MGL c. 23K, § 61 states the Commission shall expend monies in the fund to assist the host and surrounding communities ... “including, but not limited to, communities and water and sewer districts in the vicinity of a gaming establishment, local and regional education, transportation, infrastructure, housing, environmental issues and public safety, including the office of the county district attorney, police, fire, and emergency services.” The Commission may also distribute funds to a governmental entity or district other than a single municipality.

Private non-governmental parties may not directly apply for Community Mitigation Funds. However, governmental entities may apply to the Commission on behalf of private parties provided that the governmental entity provides a program that ensures that funding will be made only to remedy impacts and provided that the governmental entity will be responsible for overseeing such funding.

The Community Mitigation Fund may be used to offset costs related to both Category 1 full casino facilities (MGM Springfield and Wynn Everett) and the state’s Category 2 slots-only facility (Plainridge Park).



Massachusetts Gaming Commission

Does a Community Need to Be a Designated Host or Surrounding Community to Apply?

No. The Commission’s regulations and MGL c. 23K, § 61 do not limit use of Community Mitigation Funds to only host or surrounding communities. The Commission’s regulation, 205 CMR 125.01(4), states that “[a]ny finding by the commission that a community is not a surrounding community for purposes of the RFA-2 application shall not preclude the community from applying to and receiving funds from the Community Mitigation Fund established by MGL c. 23K, § 61....”

2016 One-Time Reserve

As in 2015, the Commission will make available certain funds for communities that may not be able to demonstrate significant impacts in 2015 and had not previously submitted a request for a Reserve fund in 2015. For 2016, Host Communities are eligible to submit a request for a \$100,000 reserve for 2016, and the following communities which were each a designated surrounding community, each community which entered into a nearby community agreement with a licensee, and any community that petitioned to be a surrounding community to a gaming licensee:

- Hampden
- Melrose
- Attleboro
- North Attleboro

A second reserve is not available for any community that sought and was awarded a reserve in 2015.

This reserve can be used to cover impacts that may arise in 2016 or thereafter. It may also be used for planning, either to determine how to achieve further benefits from a facility or to avoid or minimize any adverse impacts.

Communities that choose to utilize the reserve in 2016 and had not previously done so, should simply check the “Check Box If Requesting the Creation of a Mitigation Reserve Fund for a Community” box on the application. No other description is required by the February 1, 2016 deadline. Commission staff will follow-up with each community to get the community's description of planned uses. Funds will be distributed as the needs are identified. Communities that utilize the reserve are not prohibited from applying for funding for any specific mitigation request.

Although no specific description as to use needs to be included in an application for the 2016 reserve, communities must apply by February 1, 2016 to get the reserve.

Status of One-Time 2015 Reserves

In 2015, a Reserve Fund was established for communities that may not have been able to demonstrate significant impacts by the submittal deadline date. The Commission reserved \$100,000 for the following communities which were either designated surrounding community, each community which entered into a nearby community agreement with a licensee, and any community that petitioned to be a surrounding community to a gaming licensee:

CATEGORY 1 – CASINO/RESORT

Region A

Boston
Cambridge
Chelsea
Lynn
Malden
Medford
Saugus
Somerville

Region B

Agawam
Chicopee
East Longmeadow
Holyoke
Longmeadow
Ludlow
Northampton
West Springfield (used \$98,500 out of \$100,000)
Wilbraham

CATEGORY 2 – SLOTS

Foxborough
Mansfield
Wrentham

In some cases, communities may not access their 2015 reserves by the February 1, 2016. The Commission has extended such reserves for the 2016 Community Mitigation Fund Program. Communities may continue to access whatever portion of the original \$100,000 that remains unexpended.

The criteria for the use of the reserve remains the same. This reserve can be used to cover impacts that may arise in 2016 or thereafter. It may also be used for planning, either to determine how to achieve further benefits from a facility or to avoid or minimize any adverse impacts.

Funds will be distributed as the needs are identified. Communities that utilize the reserve are not prohibited from applying for funding for any specific mitigation request.

What are the Reserve Amounts?

Can communities apply both for the reserve and for a specific impact?

Yes. However, if a specific impact application is successful, a portion of the reserve will be used as an offset against the amount requested for the specific impact. The reserve amount will be reduced by fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000.00) assuming the specific impact request is at least that amount.

Can a community apply for mitigation of a specific impact even though it has not fully utilized its 2015 Reserve?

Yes. However, if a specific impact application is successful, a portion of the reserve will be used as an offset against the amount requested for the specific impact. The reserve amount will be reduced by fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000.00) assuming the specific impact request is at least that amount

What Specific Impacts Can Be Funded?

Allowable impacts for funding are as follows:

Category 1 Gaming Facility: In recognition that no Category 1 gaming facility will be operational by February 1, 2016, the Commission has determined that the 2016 Community Mitigation Fund is available only to mitigate impacts related to the construction of Category 1 gaming facilities. This limitation does not apply to planning activities funded under the 2015 one-time reserve fund or 2015 Transportation Planning Grants.

The Commission's regulation 205 CMR 125.07 defines construction period impacts as:

"The community will be significantly and adversely affected by the development of the gaming establishment prior to its opening taking into account such factors as noise and environmental impacts generated during its construction; increased construction vehicle trips on roadways within

the community and intersecting the community; and projected increased traffic during the period of construction.”

Category 2 Gaming Facility: In recognition that the Category 2 gaming facility in Plainville opened during the calendar year 2015, the Commission will make available funding to mitigate any construction and operational related impacts that are being experienced or were experienced from that facility by the February 1, 2016 date. The Commission will make available up to \$500,000 in total for applications for the mitigation of operational or construction impacts relating to the Plainridge facility.

The Commission’s regulation 205 CMR 125.01 2(b)4 defines operational impacts as:

“4. The community will be significantly and adversely affected by the operation of the gaming establishment after its opening taking into account such factors as potential public safety impacts on the community; increased demand on community and regional water and sewer systems; impacts on the community from storm water run-off, associated pollutants, and changes in drainage patterns; stresses on the community's housing stock including any projected negative impacts on the appraised value of housing stock due to a gaming establishment; any negative impact on local, retail, entertainment, and service establishments in the community; increased social service needs including, but not limited to, those related to problem gambling; and demonstrated impact on public education in the community.”

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“The community will be significantly and adversely affected by the development of the gaming establishment prior to its opening taking into account such factors as noise and environmental impacts generated during its construction; increased construction vehicle trips on roadways within the community and intersecting the community; and projected increased traffic during the period of construction.”

Although these definitions include the types of construction or operational impacts that may be funded, it is not limited to those. The determination will be made by the Commission after its review.

The 2016 Reserve Fund may be used only to mitigate impacts that either have occurred or are occurring as of the February 1, 2016 application date. Although the definition in the Commission's regulations (for the purpose of determining which communities are surrounding communities) references projected impacts, the 2016 program is limited to only those impacts that are being experienced by the time of the February 1, 2016 application date.

The Commission has determined that the funding of unanticipated impacts will be a priority under the Annual Mitigation Fund. Thus the Commission will review funding requests in the context of any host or surrounding community agreement to help determine funding eligibility.¹ The Community Mitigation Fund is not intended to fund the mitigation of specific impacts already being funded in a host or surrounding Community Agreement. Please note that impacts determined through any look back review likely are unanticipated impacts.

What Cannot Be Funded?

2016 Community Mitigation Fund may not be used for the mitigation of:

Category 1 Gaming Facilities:

- any operational related impacts;
- impacts that are projected or predicted but that are not occurring or have not occurred by February 1, 2016;
- impacts that are the responsibility (e.g. contractual, statutory, regulatory) of parties involved in the construction of gaming facilities (such as damage caused to adjoining buildings by construction equipment, spills of construction-related materials outside of work zones, personal injury claims caused by construction equipment or vehicles); and
- Other impacts determined by the Commission.

Category 2 Gaming Facilities:

¹ The Commission is aware of the difference in bargaining power between host and surrounding communities in negotiating agreements and will take this into account when evaluating funding applications.

- impacts that are projected or predicted but that are not occurring or have not occurred by February 1, 2016;
- impacts that are the responsibility (e.g. contractual, statutory, regulatory) of parties involved in the construction of gaming facilities (such as damage caused to adjoining buildings by construction equipment, spills of construction-related materials outside of work zones, personal injury claims caused by construction equipment or vehicles);
- Please note that the Commission may determine to expand the eligible uses of funds for the 2017 program or other future programs when impacts are more clearly identifiable. The Commission will also consult with mitigation advisory committees established in MGL c. 23K in determining such uses.

Guidance on Funding for Non-Governmental Entities

As noted, communities and other parties may apply for funds to mitigate the impact to non-governmental entities. However, the Commission strongly encourages applicants to ensure the impacts are directly related to the gaming facility. For example, an applicant could fund benefits to business within 1000 feet of a gaming facility. Further, applicants should demonstrate that the governmental entity, the licensee, or both will also financially contribute to any program of assistance. The Commission does not anticipate funding any applications for assistance to non-governmental entities unless the applicant governmental entity or the licensee or both provide significant funding to match or partially match the assistance required from the 2016 Community Mitigation Fund.

How Much Funding Is and Will Be Available?

In sum, a total of \$17.5 million from the current licensees was deposited in the Community Mitigation Fund for use until Category 1 gross gaming revenues are generated, or thereafter (if all such funds are not used prior to that date). Currently the fund has \$14.75 million available from licensing fees paid, less the reserves set aside for 2015 and other mitigation awards made in 2015.

No further contributions will be made to the Community Mitigation Fund until either MGM Springfield or Wynn Everett become operational and generate revenues.² Both MGM Springfield and Wynn Everett currently project to be operational in 2018. Once operational, MGL c. 23K, § 59 specifies that 6.5% of the revenues from the tax on gross gaming revenues from Category 1 (full casino) licensees shall be deposited in the Community Mitigation Fund.

Once the MGM Springfield and Wynn Everett facilities are operational, approximately \$18 million generated by these two facilities will be annually deposited into the Community Mitigation Fund using a conservative estimate provided by the Commission's financial consultants.

Limitations

Because the \$14.75 million in the fund needs to be available until the facilities are operational, the Commission anticipates expending no more than one third of the fund annually for calendar year 2016, 2017, and 2018. This amount is estimated to be approximately \$4.91 million per year.

Of that amount, for 2016, no more than \$500,000 may be expended for operational impacts related to the Category 2 gaming facility, unless otherwise determined by the Commission.

Transportation Planning Grants

For calendar year 2016, the Commission will make available funding for certain transportation planning activities for all communities eligible to receive funding from the Community Mitigation Fund, including each Category 1 host community and each designated surrounding community, each community which entered into a nearby community agreement with a licensee, and any community that petitioned to be a surrounding community to a gaming licensee.

Funding available for planning grants will likely not exceed \$982,000, approximately 20% of the estimated annual allotment for the fund.

² These guidelines do not describe revenue estimates from or the participation of a Region C facility, as the Region C decision on the license has not yet been made. Further, after the initial deposit, no further contributions from the Slots licensee will be made to the fund.

Eligible planning projects must have a defined area or issue that will be investigated as well as a clear plan for implementation of the results.

Eligible expenses to be covered by the Planning Grant include, but not necessarily limited to:

- Planning consultants/staff
- Data gathering/surveys
- Data analysis
- Engineering review/surveys
- Public meetings/hearings
- Final report preparation

The planning projects must be clearly related to addressing transportation issues or impacts directly related to the gaming facility.

Applicants will be required to submit a detailed scope, budget, and timetable for the planning effort prior to funding being awarded.

Pursuant to the Guidelines, the Commission will evaluate requests for planning funds after taking into consideration input the applicant has received from the local Regional Planning Agency ("RPA") or any such interested parties. Although there is no prerequisite for using RPA's for planning projects, consultation with RPA's is required to enable the Commission to better understand how planning funds are being used efficiently across the region of the facility. Please provide details about the applicant's consultation with the RPA or any such interested parties.

Communities that requested and received reserves in 2015 or 2016 must first expend those funds before accessing any Transportation Planning Grant funds. Transportation Planning Grant funds may be sought to expand a planning project begun with reserve funds or to fund an additional project once the reserves have been exhausted.

Springfield Historic Preservation Trust Fund

On August 6, 2015, as part of the consultative process pursuant to 950 CMR 71.00 – Protection of Properties Included in the State Register of Historic Places, the Commission determined that it would provide \$350,000 in Community Mitigation Funds to the Springfield Historic Preservation Trust Fund. The City of Springfield agreed to

apply for such funds by February 2, 2016. The provision of the \$350,000 does not limit Springfield's ability to apply for 2016 Community Mitigation Funds for other purposes.

What Should Be Included in the Applications?

- Applicants are required to complete the 2016 Community Mitigation Fund Application and may also submit additional supporting materials of a reasonable length.
- Applicants will need to describe how the specific mitigation or planning project requested will address any claimed impacts and provide justification of any funds requested. Unlike existing surrounding community agreements which were based on anticipated impacts, any community mitigation award will be based on impacts that have occurred or are occurring, as noted previously.
- Applicants will need to describe if and how such impacts were addressed or not addressed in any host or surrounding community agreements.
- Applicants may include a letter of support from the applicable gaming licensee. However, this is not necessary, as the Commission will request the licensee's opinion regarding each application.

How Will the Commission Decide on Applications?

- Similar to the Commission's surrounding community review process, the Commission will ask each licensee to review and comment on any requests for funding.
- The Commission will evaluate the submittal by the community, any input received from the community and interested parties (such as Regional Planning Agencies), the responses of the licensee, Commission consultant reviews, and any other sources determined by the Commission.
- The Commission will evaluate any funding requests in the context of any host or surrounding community agreements.
- The Commission may ask applicants for supplementary materials, may request a meeting with applicants, and reserves the ability to host a hearing or hearings on any application.

- The Commission's deliberations on Community Mitigation Fund policies will also be aided through input from the Gaming Policy Advisory Committee, the Community Mitigation Subcommittee, and any Local Community Mitigation Advisory Committees, as established pursuant to MGL c. 23K.
- The Commission reserves the ability to determine a funding limit beyond what is detailed in these Guidelines, as additional contributions to the Community Mitigation Fund will not be made until Category 1 gaming facilities **are operational**.
- **The Commission reserves the ability to fund only portions of requested projects and to fund only a percentage of amounts requested. The Commission also reserves the ability to place conditions on any award.**

When Will the Commission Make Decisions?

The Commission anticipates making funding decisions on any requests for mitigation of specific impacts approximately by July 2016, after a comprehensive review and any additional information requests.

Is There a Deadline for the Use of the 2016 Reserve?

There is no deadline. Funds may be used on a rolling basis when specific impacts are determined or the specific planning activity is determined. Once known, communities should contact the Ombudsman's Office, which will assist the community in providing the needed information. Communities with specific impacts will, at the time the impacts are known, complete the grayed sections of the 2016 Community Mitigation Fund Application (the grayed boxes 1-4 beginning on page 3). Communities with requests for planning funds will provide similar information to the Commission: a description of the planning activity, how the planning activity relates to the development or operation of the gaming facility, how the planning funds are proposed to be used, consultation with the Regional Planning Agency, other funds being used, and how planning will help the community determine how to achieve further benefits from a facility or to avoid or minimize any adverse impacts. Each Community applying for planning funds will also need to provide detail on what it will contribute to the planning project such as in-kind services or planning funds. Please note that such details do not need to be determined by the February 1, 2016 application date. Communities must only check the box on the first page of the application to establish the reserve.

Commission approvals of the use of the 2016 reserve funds will also be on a rolling basis corresponding to the rolling determinations of use by communities.

Who Should Be Contacted for Any Questions?

As the 2016 Community Mitigation Fund program is just the second year of the program for the Commission, communities and other parties may have a number of questions. They are encouraged to contact the Commission's Ombudsman with any questions or concerns. The Commission's Ombudsman will regularly brief the Commission regarding the development of Community Mitigation Fund policies.

The Commission's Ombudsman, John Ziemba, can be reached at 617-979-8423 or via e-mail at john.s.ziemba@state.ma.us. The Commission's address is 101 Federal Street, 12th Floor, Boston, MA 02110.

Where Should the Applications Be Sent?

Applications **must be sent electronically and via regular mail**. An application received by the Commission either electronically or via regular mail by February 1, 2016 will meet the application deadline.

Applications should be sent to the:

Massachusetts Gaming Commission
2015 Community Mitigation Fund
Attn: Ombudsman John S. Ziemba
101 Federal Street, 12th Floor, Boston, MA 02110

And via e-mail to:

john.s.ziemba@state.ma.us



BROCKTON 21ST CENTURY CORPORATION

Massachusetts Gaming Commission
101 Federal Street, 12th Floor
Boston, MA 02110

October 13, 2015

RE: Impact of proposed casino resort on existing baseball stadium and conference facility

Dear Massachusetts Gaming Commission,

Brockton 21st Century Corporation (B21) the quasi-public non-profit economic development agency that serves and supports the City of Brockton planning and economic development efforts and initiatives is the owner of the Campanelli Stadium (4500 seat baseball/concert venue) and the Shaw's Center (conferences, meetings, special events). Both are located immediately adjacent to the Brockton Fair Grounds, the site of the proposed Mass Gaming & Entertainment, LLC casino resort. Campanelli Stadium and the Shaw's Center are both currently under long-term lease with Chris English, owner of the Brockton ROX Baseball Team (Futures League). Campanelli Stadium is also a venue for concerts and special events from May through November each year. Shaw's Center was the host to more than two hundred events in 2014 and the Stadium hosted more than twenty events (beyond baseball) in 2015.

By way of this letter and in accordance with MGL 23 Sec 15 §10 and 205CMR 126 Brockton 21st Century Corporation wishes to have the Shaw's Center and Campanelli Stadium designated as an Impact Live Entertainment Venue (ILEV).

Brockton 21st Century Corporation remains steadfast in its support of the Mass Gaming and Entertainment, LLC casino project as presented. The project's value to Brockton as a business, an employer, and taxpayer, as well as serving as the basis or foundation of a new economic sector (tourism) is understood, valued and anticipated as only a positive.

Campanelli Stadium and the Shaw's Center is currently the centerpiece of Brockton's emerging entertainment sector and are seen as important elements of a vision for a greater destination /entertainment district. The concern and the potential economic impact is that the casino resort will serve both as a greater draw for consumers and by virtue of their economies be able to attract entertainment (concerts, etc.) that will minimize the ability of Campanelli Stadium to compete. Most entertainers are asked to sign an exclusive appearance clause in their contracts, therefore limiting their availability to other area venues. It is expected that the casino resort will be the preference for entertainers, thereby impacting both the Shaw's Center and Campanelli Stadium's ability to compete for headline events. In addition the casino resort poses a threat to the Stadium staple (baseball) of offering family entertainment at a reasonable cost.

The Shaw's Center could potentially lose all ability to attract meetings, conferences and even weddings, family reunions, and bar mitzvahs to venues that will be available at the on-site hotels of the casino resort.

The construction phase of the proposed casino resort will severely impact the accessibility and traffic flow to and from both the Shaw's Center and Campanelli Stadium. It is anticipated that most of the site development will be done during the prime construction months of May through November, which coincides with the season of both the Center and Stadium.

Brockton 21st Century Corporation wishes to mitigate any potential negative impacts to Campanelli Stadium and the Shaw's Center by being designated an Impact Live Entertainment Venue (ILEV) and receiving your consideration now and in the future.

Thank you for your attention and consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Michael Gallerani".

Michael Gallerani
Executive Director

VIA OVERNIGHT DELIVERY

October 8, 2015

Jill Lacey Griffin
Director of Workforce, Supplies
and Diversity Development
Massachusetts Gaming Commission
101 Federal Street, 12th Floor
Boston, MA 02110

Dear Ms. Griffin:

As you know, the Massachusetts Performing Arts Coalition (the “Coalition”) has been seeking to engage in discussions with resort casino license applicants, on behalf of the Coalition’s members, all non-profit or municipally-owned live performance venues. These discussions have centered around negotiation of a mutually-agreeable Impacted Live Entertainment Venue (“ILEV”) agreement with the license applicants.

The Coalition has been in contact with Mass Gaming and Entertainment, LLC, the license applicant for a proposed gaming establishment in Brockton (“MG&E”). The Coalition first reached out to MG&E On June 15, 2015 and forwarded a proposed ILEV agreement to MG&E on June 29, 2015. After multiple telephone conversations and revisions to the proffered ILEV agreement by the Coalition, MG&E and MG&E’s counsel, we must report we have been unable to finalize an ILEV agreement with MG&E.

Consequently, the Coalition is petitioning the Commission under 205 CMR 126.01(2) for Commission designation of the following MPAC member venues as Impacted Live Entertainment Venues with respect the MG&E’s proposed Brockton gaming establishment.

South Shore Playhouse Associates, Inc. d/b/a South Shore Music Circus, Cohasset and Cape Cod Melody Tent, Hyannis: The Coalition asks that the Commission designate South Shore Music Circus – Cohasset and Cape Cod Melody Tent – Hyannis as ILEVs with respect to MG&E’s proposed Brockton gaming establishment. The proposed establishment would be located approximately 19 miles from South Shore Music Circus and 47 miles from Cape Cod Melody Tent, both within the 50-mile radius many live entertainment presenters use to guarantee exclusivity from performers and much less than the 100-mile radius more common among casino presenters. Please note that the draft ILEV agreement being negotiated between the Coalition and MG&E includes a commitment from the applicant that no exclusivity clauses will be incorporated into agreements with entertainers performing at MG&E’s gaming establishment. MG&E has stated that its intention is not to incorporate a geographic exclusivity clause into entertainer agreements that would impact Coalition members (see MG&E’s RFA-2 application, Answer to Question 5-21). However, without an enforceable contractual commitment, MG&E

could program its venues with touring entertainers in direct competition with those presented at South Shore Music Circus and Cape Cod Melody Tent and, using its disproportionate buying power (many time overpaying for the same acts, because it is not the gaming establishment's core business), divert many of those acts to MG&E's gaming establishment, which was not the intent of the 2011 Gaming Act. This would have a devastating impact on both South Shore Music Circus and Cape Cod Melody Tent, which presented over 160 major concert events during the past two seasons, including such artists as Frankie Valli, Lynyrd Skynyrd, Steve Miller Band, Little Big Town, Lee Brice, Beach Boys, Doobie Brothers, Chris Botti and Jeff Foxworthy. It also seriously jeopardizes South Shore Playhouse Associates' main operating objective, which is to put millions of dollars into arts education in our communities – as we have been doing for over 64 years. Past beneficiaries have been South Shore Art Center, South Shore Conservatory, and the Paul Pratt Memorial Library, as well as the Arts Foundation of Cape Cod, Wellfleet Harbor Actors Theater, and Cape Cod Symphony and Conservatory of Music and Arts, to name just a few. South Shore Playhouse Associates wishes to continue to be an integral part of the fabric of the local arts communities on the South Shore and Cape Cod.

Lynn Auditorium, Lynn: The Coalition asks that the Commission designate the Lynn Auditorium as an ILEV with respect to MG&E's proposed Brockton gaming establishment. The proposed establishment would be located approximately 26 miles from the Lynn Auditorium, well within the 50-mile radius many live entertainment presenters use to guarantee exclusivity from performers and much less than the 100-mile radius more common among casino presenters. Despite the representation by MG&E in its Answer to Question 5-21 in Wynn's RFA-2 application that it will not incorporate geographic exclusivity clauses into entertainer agreements, the Lynn Auditorium is likely to experience a severe negative impact from the diversion of potential customers to this new venue, as it is likely that the types of entertainers booked to appear at MG&E's location will be similar to entertainers that otherwise would appear at the Lynn Auditorium, such as Kenny Rogers, Alice Cooper, The Celtic Woman and Prince Royce, all of whom have played both the Lynn Auditorium and Mohegan Sun. In addition, the detrimental effect that the syphoning of acts away from the Lynn Auditorium would have on Lynn's local economy cannot be ignored. The Lynn Auditorium was put back to use in 2006 with a blue ribbon event with the Boston Pops. Since that time, the Auditorium's use has steadily grown and today it sits on par with other Boston based venues, competing - on a level playing field - for shows. As the numbers of shows and events have increased, so too has the massing of people in Lynn's downtown. It is no secret that older urban cities like Lynn, Lowell and Lawrence have had their fair share of issues in attracting people to their cores. In Lynn, economic spinoff the Auditorium creates has played a pivotal role in the rebirth of Lynn's downtown. Additionally, even in the absence of exclusivity clauses, MG&E's sheer buying power is likely to induce booking agents to choose the MG&E gaming establishment rather than the Lynn Auditorium when scheduling national entertainers to tour in Massachusetts.

Zeiterion Theatre, New Bedford: The Coalition asks that the Commission designate the **Zeiterion Theatre** as an ILEV with respect to MG&E's proposed Brockton gaming establishment. The proposed gaming establishment would be located approximately 31 miles from the Zeiterion Theatre, well within the 50-mile radius many live entertainment presenters use to guarantee exclusivity from performers and much less than the 100-mile radius more common among casino presenters. The Zeiterion Theatre's typical roster of more than sixty

entertainers and performances is similar to those likely to be booked by MG&E at its gaming establishment, and as is the case for the theatres in Lynn and Cohasset, without an enforceable contractual commitment from MG&E that no exclusivity clauses will be incorporated into agreements with entertainers performing at MG&E's gaming establishment (see MG&E's RFA-2 application Answer to Question 5-21), the Zeiterion Theatre will be vulnerable to diversion of those performances to MG&E's establishment. This will also have a devastating impact on The Zeiterion Theatre.

Please let me know if the Commission would like to see any additional information in considering these petitions. Thank you for your ongoing attention to our concerns.

Respectfully yours,

Troy Siebels, President
Massachusetts Performing Arts Coalition

cc: Mass Gaming and Entertainment, LLC (via overnight delivery)
Charles N. Le Ray, Esq., Dain, Torpy, Le Ray, Wiest & Garner, P.C. (via overnight delivery)

October 23, 2015

By E-Mail and First Class Mail

Massachusetts Gaming Commission
101 Federal Street, 12th Floor
Boston, MA 02110
Attn: John Ziemba, Ombudsman

Re: Request by MPAC for ILEV designations

Dear Ombudsman Ziemba:

I am writing on behalf of Mass Gaming & Entertainment, LLC (“MGE”), in response to the request by Troy Siebels, President of the Massachusetts Performing Arts Coalition (“MPAC”), in a letter dated October 8, 2015 (received by MGE on October 13, 2015), that four venues operated by three MPAC members be designated as Impacted Live Entertainment Venues (“ILEVs”) under 205 CMR 126.01(2).

MGE respects these MPAC venue operators and their concerns. MGE’s discussions with MPAC have been productive and are ongoing. MGE looks forward to concluding a mutually-beneficial agreement with MPAC, and anticipates entering into such a formal agreement in the near future. Nonetheless, in light of today’s deadline for responding to MPAC’s request, and to protect its own interests, MGE feels obliged to oppose MPAC’s request for ILEV designations.

The Gaming Commission’s regulations provide that in determining whether a venue will be designated as an ILEV, the factors to be considered include, but are not limited to, the venue’s distance from the gaming establishment, venue capacity, the type of performances offered by that venue, and whether the applicant intends to include a geographic exclusivity in contracts with entertainers or to otherwise limit the performance of entertainers within Massachusetts. MGE’s proposed project includes (i) a multi-use space that could host meetings, conventions, weddings, seminars, and live performances with seating for less than 1,000 people and (ii) other, smaller live entertainment venues in the project’s lounges, restaurants, bars, and other areas. Furthermore, MGE already has indicated to MPAC that MGE does not intend to require geographic exclusivity with respect to the MPAC venues in the contracts of entertainers at the proposed gaming establishment.

The MPAC venues in question are:

- *South Shore Playhouse Associates, Inc. d/b/a South Shore Music Circus, Cobasset*: Described in MPAC’s letter as approximately 19 miles from MGE’s proposed gaming establishment, this venue is over 21 miles away by road, a distance that would take three quarters of an hour to drive absent rush hour traffic. According to South Shore Playhouse Associate’s website, this venue has approximately 2,300 seats.



John Ziemba, Ombudsman
October 23, 2015
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- *South Shore Playhouse Associates, Inc. d/b/a Cape Cod Melody Tent, Hyannis:* Described in MPAC's letter as approximately 47 miles from MGE's proposed gaming establishment, this venue is approximately 61 miles away by road, a distance that would take over an hour to drive in moderate traffic. According to South Shore Playhouse Associate's website, this venue is approximately the same size as the South Shore Music Circus, *i.e.*, has approximately 2,300 seats.
- *Lynn Auditorium, Lynn:* Described in MPAC's letter as approximately 26 miles from MGE's proposed gaming establishment, this venue is northeast of Boston and over 35 miles away by road, a distance that would typically take over an hour to drive via the "direct" route through Boston. According to the operator's website, this venue has approximately 2,100 seats.
- *Zeiterion Theatre, New Bedford:* Described in MPAC's letter as approximately 31 miles from MGE's proposed gaming establishment, this venue is over 37 miles away by road, a distance that would typically take at least forty minutes to drive. The on-line seating chart for this venue shows approximately 1,228 seats.

Given the distances involved, capacities of the MPAC venues, and MGE's intention to not require geographic exclusivity with respect to the MPAC venues, we dispute the eligibility of the venues in question for ILEV status under Chapter 23K and the applicable regulations.

For the foregoing reasons, I respectfully request that the Massachusetts Gaming Commission deny MPAC's request that the four venues operated by three of the Coalition's members be granted ILEV status.

Sincerely,

Charles N. Le Ray

cc: Troy Siebels, President, MPAC
Jill Lacey Griffin, Massachusetts Gaming Commission

November 9, 2015

Chairman Stephen Crosby
Massachusetts Gaming Commission
101 Federal Street, 12th Floor
Boston, MA 02110

Dear Chairman Crosby:

On behalf of the Massachusetts Performing Arts Coalition (“MPAC”), I respectfully ask you to designate the MPAC members below as Impacted Live Entertainment Venues (ILEVs) with respect to Mass Gaming & Entertainment’s proposed casino establishment in Brockton (“MG&E”).

As you know, one or more MPAC venues have been designated as “impacted” with respect to every gaming applicant that has filed a Part 2 application. MPAC has signed agreements:

- With Mohegan Sun, with respect to both its proposed gaming establishments in Palmer and Revere. Each of those agreements designated all 7 MPAC venues as impacted; ranging from 6 to 96 miles from the proposed casino sites.
- With Wynn Resorts with respect to its gaming establishment in Everett, designating all 7 MPAC venues as impacted; ranging from 8 to 95 miles from the casino site.
- With Penn National Gaming with respect to its proposed gaming establishment in Plainridge, designating all 7 MPAC venues as impacted; ranging from 41 to 85 miles from the proposed casino site.
- With MGM Resorts with respect to its gaming establishment in Springfield, designating Springfield’s Symphony Hall and Worcester’s Hanover Theatre as impacted; respectively ½ mile and 52 miles from the casino site.
- With Raynham Park LLC with respect to its proposed gaming establishment. The Mass Gaming Commission issued a decision recognizing South Shore Music Theatre, an MPAC venue 35 miles from the proposed casino site, as an impacted venue.
- With Rush Street Gaming with respect to its proposed gaming establishment in Leominster. The Mass Gaming Commission issued a decision recognizing The Hanover Theatre, an MPAC venue 21 miles from the proposed casino site, as an impacted venue.

I know that you have heard us make our case several times and are well familiar with it, but in brief, it is common in the touring entertainment industry for a casino to book touring entertainers and pay a premium of 50% or more above what a non-casino theatre might pay.

That casino will often include in the performer's contract a radius clause that prevents that act from playing anywhere else within a 100-mile radius for up to a year. Even if the casino does not seek to include a radius restriction, the reality is that the performer or agent themselves may effectively do so, by not wishing to play too many venues within a geographic area. As a result, theatres like ours lose access to the headline performers that keep people coming through our doors. Our audience doesn't have the opportunity to vote with their pocketbook by deciding where they want to see a show; they have to go to the casino if they want to see it.

This threat is not based on proximity of the casino to the entertainment venue; the reality is that all of our venues are within 100 miles of this proposed gaming establishment. We see a significant negative impact now from the two Connecticut casinos, and believe that multiple resort casinos in Massachusetts could be devastating.

When crafting the expanded gaming act, our legislators included a provision requiring that would-be casino operators sign a mitigation agreement with impacted live entertainment venues, enabling us to work together to create a level playing field. We do not seek to be unreasonable in the terms of a mitigation agreement with Mass Gaming & Entertainment, and we have every confidence that we will be able to reach an agreement that satisfies both parties.

Nevertheless, as we have not been able to reach an agreement as of this date, we feel compelled to respectfully ask the Commission to designate the following MPAC member venues as Impacted Live Entertainment Venues with respect to MG&E's proposed Brockton gaming establishment:

South Shore Playhouse Associates, Inc. d/b/a South Shore Music Circus, Cohasset and Cape Cod Melody Tent, Hyannis: The Coalition asks that the Commission designate South Shore Music Circus – Cohasset and Cape Cod Melody Tent – Hyannis as ILEVs with respect to MG&E's proposed Brockton gaming establishment. The proposed establishment would be located approximately 19 miles from South Shore Music Circus and 47 miles from Cape Cod Melody Tent, both within the 50-mile radius many live entertainment presenters use to guarantee exclusivity from performers and much less than the 100-mile radius more common among casino presenters. Please note that the draft ILEV agreement being negotiated between the Coalition and MG&E includes a commitment from the applicant that no exclusivity clauses will be incorporated into agreements with entertainers performing at MG&E's gaming establishment. MG&E has stated that its intention is not to incorporate a geographic exclusivity clause into entertainer agreements that would impact Coalition members (see MG&E's RFA-2 application, Answer to Question 5-21). However, without an enforceable contractual commitment, MG&E could program its venues with touring entertainers in direct competition with those presented at South Shore Music Circus and Cape Cod Melody Tent and, using its disproportionate buying power (many time overpaying for the same acts, because it is not the gaming establishment's core business), divert many of those acts to MG&E's gaming establishment, which was not the intent of the 2011 Gaming Act. This would have a devastating impact on both South Shore Music Circus and Cape Cod Melody Tent, which presented over 160 major concert events during the past two seasons, including such artists as Frankie Valli, Lynyrd Skynyrd, Steve Miller Band, Little Big Town, Lee Brice, Beach Boys, Doobie Brothers, Chris Botti and Jeff Foxworthy. It

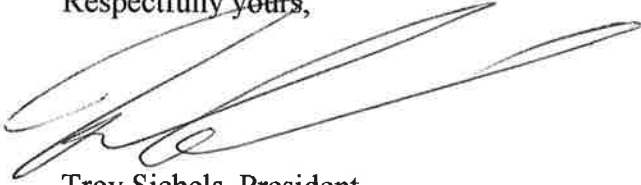
also seriously jeopardizes South Shore Playhouse Associates' main operating objective, which is to put millions of dollars into arts education in our communities – as we have been doing for over 64 years. Past beneficiaries have been South Shore Art Center, South Shore Conservatory, and the Paul Pratt Memorial Library, as well as the Arts Foundation of Cape Cod, Wellfleet Harbor Actors Theater, and Cape Cod Symphony and Conservatory of Music and Arts, to name just a few. South Shore Playhouse Associates wishes to continue to be an integral part of the fabric of the local arts communities on the South Shore and Cape Cod.

Lynn Auditorium, Lynn: The Coalition asks that the Commission designate the Lynn Auditorium as an ILEV with respect to MG&E's proposed Brockton gaming establishment. The proposed establishment would be located approximately 26 miles from the Lynn Auditorium, well within the 50-mile radius many live entertainment presenters use to guarantee exclusivity from performers and much less than the 100-mile radius more common among casino presenters. Despite the representation by MG&E in its Answer to Question 5-21 in Wynn's RFA-2 application that it will not incorporate geographic exclusivity clauses into entertainer agreements, the Lynn Auditorium is likely to experience a severe negative impact from the diversion of potential customers to this new venue, as it is likely that the types of entertainers booked to appear at MG&E's location will be similar to entertainers that otherwise would appear at the Lynn Auditorium, such as Kenny Rogers, Alice Cooper, The Celtic Woman and Prince Royce, all of whom have played both the Lynn Auditorium and Mohegan Sun. In addition, the detrimental effect that the syphoning of acts away from the Lynn Auditorium would have on Lynn's local economy cannot be ignored. The Lynn Auditorium was put back to use in 2006 with a blue ribbon event with the Boston Pops. Since that time, the Auditorium's use has steadily grown and today it sits on par with other Boston based venues, competing - on a level playing field - for shows. As the numbers of shows and events have increased, so too has the massing of people in Lynn's downtown. It is no secret that older urban cities like Lynn, Lowell and Lawrence have had their fair share of issues in attracting people to their cores. In Lynn, economic spinoff the Auditorium creates has played a pivotal role in the rebirth of Lynn's downtown. Additionally, even in the absence of exclusivity clauses, MG&E's sheer buying power is likely to induce booking agents to choose the MG&E gaming establishment rather than the Lynn Auditorium when scheduling national entertainers to tour in Massachusetts.

Zeiterion Theatre, New Bedford: The Coalition asks that the Commission designate the Zeiterion Theatre as an ILEV with respect to MG&E's proposed Brockton gaming establishment. The proposed gaming establishment would be located approximately 31 miles from the Zeiterion Theatre, well within the 50-mile radius many live entertainment presenters use to guarantee exclusivity from performers and much less than the 100-mile radius more common among casino presenters. The Zeiterion Theatre's typical roster of more than sixty entertainers and performances is similar to those likely to be booked by MG&E at its gaming establishment, and as is the case for the theatres in Lynn and Cohasset, without an enforceable contractual commitment from MG&E that no exclusivity clauses will be incorporated into agreements with entertainers performing at MG&E's gaming establishment (see MG&E's RFA-2 application Answer to Question 5-21), the Zeiterion Theatre will be vulnerable to diversion of those performances to MG&E's establishment. This will also have a devastating impact on The Zeiterion Theatre.

We are grateful for your past and consistent support as we seek to achieve a level playing field. Our theatres are great sources of vitality for their communities and the surrounding areas. They are destinations for entertainment, and civic gathering places. Collectively they bring a wealth of culture, education and pride to our citizens. We look forward to continuing to work with our casino partners to continue to bring the benefits of both to the Commonwealth.

Respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Troy Siebels', written in a cursive style.

Troy Siebels, President
Massachusetts Performing Arts Coalition



Slot Machine Revenue
Plainridge Park Casino

Month	Slot Promotional	Coin in	Slot GGR	Hold %	Payout %	Total in collected state taxes	Total in collected race horse assessments	Total in collected state taxes and race horse assessments
June 24-30, 2015	\$1,279.20	\$60,641,793.30	\$6,137,976.28	10.12%	89.88%	\$2,455,190.51	\$552,417.87	\$3,007,609.38
July, 2015	\$299,734.45	\$182,591,860.53	\$18,155,783.86	9.93%	90.07%	\$7,262,313.54	\$1,634,020.55	\$8,896,334.09
August	\$578,047.81	\$166,244,497.24	\$15,228,050.58	9.13%	90.87%	\$6,091,220.23	\$1,370,524.55	\$7,461,744.78
September	\$1,250,316.69	\$146,966,787.00	\$12,625,157.80	\$0.09	\$0.91	\$5,050,063.12	\$1,136,264.20	\$6,186,327.32
October								
November								
December								
January, 2016								
February								
March								
April								
May								
June								
TOTAL	\$2,129,378.15	\$556,444,938.07	\$52,146,968.52	N/A	N/A	\$20,858,787.41	\$4,693,227.16	\$25,552,015.57



Active Employees
Plainridge Park Casino
As of October 31, 2015

Category	Full Time	Part Time	Total
Key Gaming Employee	42	0	42
Gaming Employee	192	36	228
Service Employee	188	118	306
TOTAL	422	154	576



Number of Patron Complaints
Plainridge Park Casino
As of October 31, 2015

Month	Complaints
June 24-30, 2015	0
July, 2015	5
August	4
September	1
October	1
November	
December	
January, 2016	
February	
March	
April	
May	
June	
TOTAL	11



Minors and Underage Youth
Plainridge Park Casino
 As of October 31, 2015

Month	Prevented from entering gaming establishment	Escorted from gaming area	Found gambling at table games	Found gambling at slot machines	Taken into custody - for gambling	Taken into custody - Other	Found consuming alcoholic beverages
June 24-30, 2015	0	0	N/A	0	0	0	0
July, 2015	259	4	N/A	2	2	0	0
August	362	0	N/A	0	0	0	0
September	169	0	N/A	0	0	0	0
October	79	0	N/A	0	0	0	0
November							
December							
January, 2016							
February							
March							
April							
May							
June							
TOTAL	869	4	N/A	2	2	0	0



Investigations & Enforcement Bureau

To: Chairman Crosby, Commissioner Zuniga, Commissioner Stebbins, Commissioner Cameron and Commissioner MacDonald

From: Karen Wells, Director, Investigations and Enforcement Bureau

Re: Temporary Key Gaming Employee Licenses Issued

Date: November 12, 2015

Pursuant to the authority the Commission delegated to the IEB on March 19, 2015, the IEB has granted temporary licenses to the following individuals.

Key Gaming Employees

1. Shari Baker, Player Services Supervisor, Plainville Gaming and Redevelopment (10/30/15)
2. Michael Milano, Lead Surveillance Agent, Plainville Gaming and Redevelopment (11/4/15)

Each application has been deemed complete by the Division of Licensing. The petitioner has certified and the IEB has found, after reviewing the operational plan for the facility, that each temporary license is necessary for the operation of the gaming establishment and is not designed to circumvent normal licensing procedures.

The IEB has found that in each case that the license is reasonably likely to be issued upon completion of the investigation.



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SKILL BASED ELECTRONIC GAMING DEVICES

Floyd Barroga & Todd Grossman

NOVEMBER 12TH, 2015



What is Skill Based Gaming (SBG)?

- Typical slot machines – outcome is determined by RNG- skill of the player does not affect the outcome of the game.
- SBG- the skill of the player can actually affect the outcome of the game – more like video games (Centipede, Pac-man, Guitar Hero, Pinball)
- A game can be fully skill based or a hybrid of skill including classic RNG slot play.
- Distinct from traditional Electronic Table Game (blackjack, poker, etc.) and Daily Fantasy Sports

Standard Slot Machine

- Non-Skill Slot



Skill Based Game – Nanotech Vegas 2047



Hybrid Game – Centipede



Hybrid Game – Simpsons



Is SBG Legal in MA?

- **G.L. c.23K, §2:**
 - "**Category 1 license**", a license issued by the commission that permits the licensee to operate a gaming establishment with table games and **slot machines**.
 - "**Category 2 license**", a license issued by the commission that permits the licensee to operate a gaming establishment with no table games and not more than 1,250 **slot machines**.

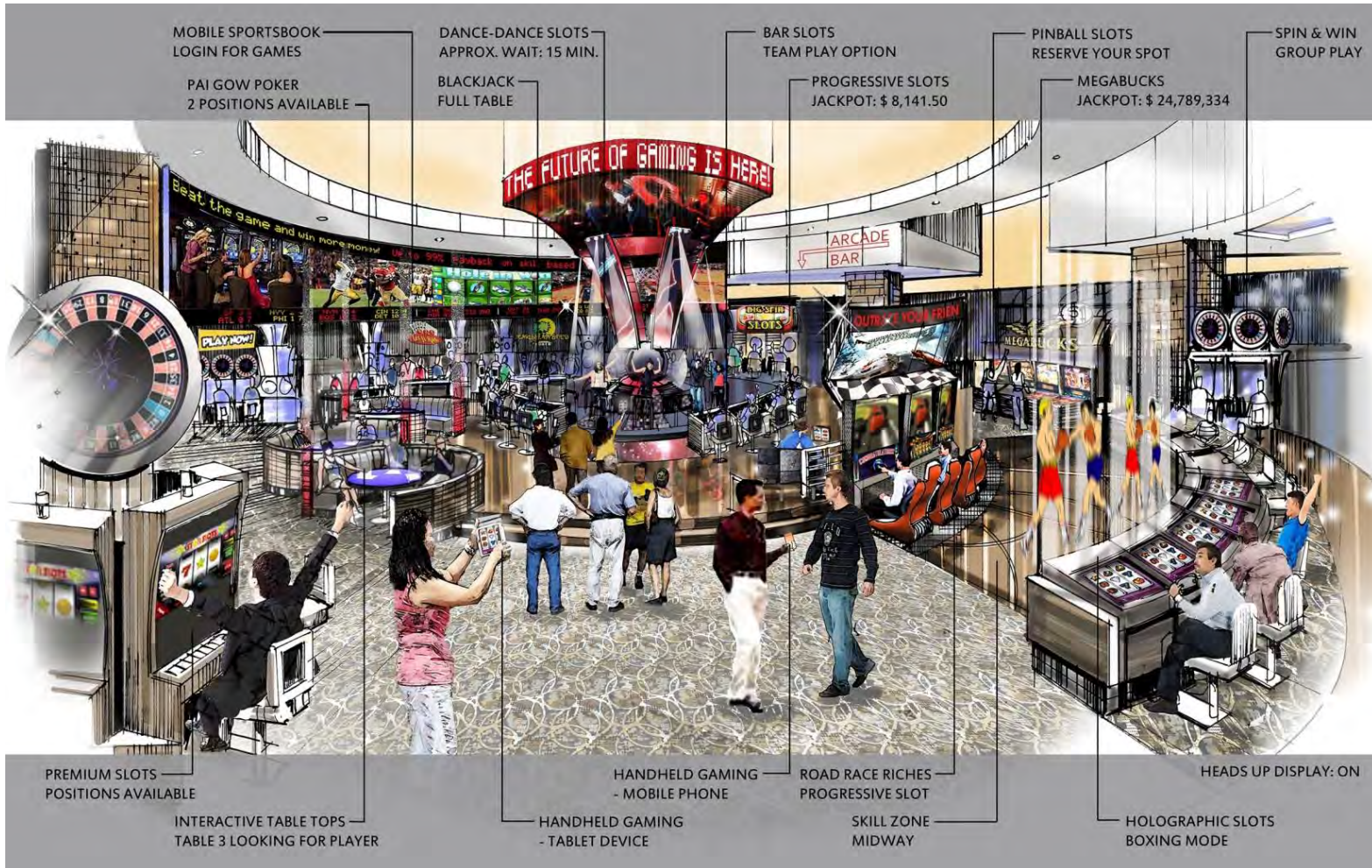
Is SBG Legal?

- Skill based games meet the definition of 'slot machine' which is defined in G.L. c.23K, §2 as:

a mechanical, electrical or other device, contrivance or machine which, upon insertion of a coin, token or similar object therein, or upon payment of any consideration whatsoever, is available to play or operate, the play or operation of which, whether **by reason of the skill of the operator or application of the element of chance, or both**, may deliver or entitle the individual playing or operating the machine to receive cash, or tokens to be exchanged for cash, or to receive merchandise or any other thing of value, whether the payoff is made automatically from the machine or in any other manner, except that the cash equivalent value of any merchandise or other thing of value shall not be included in determining the payout percentage of a slot machine.

Future of Gaming

- Hitting Casino Floors 2015 – Texas Tea Pinball, Smoothie Blast (Candy Crush), Centipede
- Near Future – Multi-player games, Guitar Hero



Source: AGEM



What's next?

If the Commission approves, open the concept up to public comment and begin developing regulatory infrastructure to allow for such games.

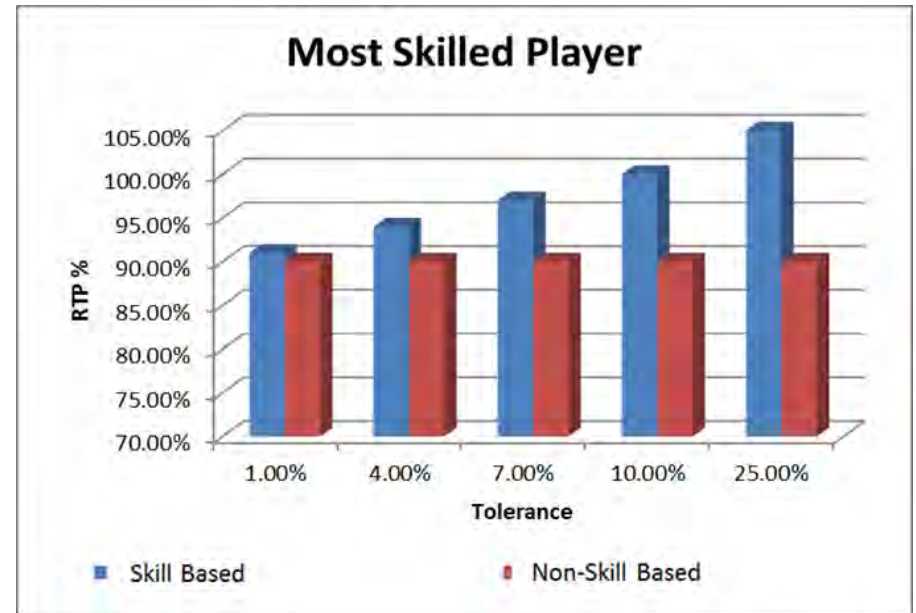
What would new regulations include?

- **New definitions:**
- Per NVGCB Regulation 14
 - “Game of Skill” means a game in which the skill of the player, rather than chance, is the dominant factor in affecting the outcome of the game as determined over a period of continuous play.”
 - “Hybrid Game” means a game in which a combination of the skill of the player and chance affects the outcome of the game as determined over a period of continuous play.
 - “Skill” means the knowledge, dexterity or any other ability or expertise of a natural person.
- **Notice to players** – NVGCB Regulation 14 – “The method of equalizing the expected value of winning the payoff schedule/award shall be conspicuously displayed on each device connected to the common payoff schedule/common award.”
- **Future Proof Regulations** – Allowing technology down the road to be implemented into the state’s requirements. Regulations that identify concepts as opposed to past and present technologies.
- **Tolerance provision** - Tolerance means the maximum difference between the expected value and return to player percentage (RTP %).
- NVGCB Regulation 14 – “For the purposes of this requirement, equivalent is defined as within a 5 percent tolerance for expected value and no more than a 1 percent tolerance on return to player or payback.”

Tolerance

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3.4.1 Software Requirements for Percentage Payout. Each game shall theoretically payout a ***minimum of eighty percent (80%)***.



Skill RTP Tolerance [%]	Revenue Swing @90% RTP
1.00%	10.00%
4.00%	40.00%
7.00%	70.00%
10.00%	100.00%
25.00%	150.00%





Central Management System (CMS) Project Update

November 12th Commission Meeting



MGC CENTRAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEM PROJECT UPDATE

The INTELLIGEN CMS Project has started the Go Live process as planned on Oct 19th. The current expected completion is Nov 20th.

Execution Phase

- Go Live has begun and is progressing well. Work is performed through the night, Sunday – Thursday to mitigate disruptions to the floor during peak periods. As of Monday November 9th, **780/1374** EGD's have been brought online with the INTELLIGEN CMS.
- MGC has initiated a change request to modify the CMS Financial Day Start time to match that of the Plainridge Park ACSC system; 6:00am. IGT will provide a schedule for this by 15-Nov.
- Backup Data Center planning is underway. IGT is working on a schedule for installation in the Commonwealth Springfield Data Center and integration into the Live CMS System.



MGC GAMING TECHNOLOGY LABORATORY STATUS UPDATE

Milestone	Date	Status	Comments
MGC Requirements Approval	01-May-2015	Complete	Requirements documents have been signed and approved by MGC.
Plainridge Slot Base Installation Complete	27-May-2015	Complete	All slot bases have been installed.
IGT: Casino Floor Installation Work Complete	16-Jun-2015	Complete	Fiber cables, converters, loops, and fiber boards have been installed.
Plainridge Floor Setup Complete (Soft Go Live)	22-Jun-2015	Complete	
Plainridge Park Casino ACSC Go Live	24-Jun-2015	Complete	
CMS Software Complete	02-Jul-2015	Complete	Software Integration and test cycles are complete.
System Test Complete	07-Aug-2015	Complete	
IGT: Casino – Remaining hardware install complete	18-Sep-2015	Complete	Slot Controllers located in Casino MDR.
Chelsea (MITC) CMS Hardware Installed (PDC)	03-Sep-2015	Complete	
Springfield CMS Hardware Installed (BDC)	TBD		The new hardware has been received. Details on delivery to Springfield are being worked out.
GLI – INTELLIGEN Certification Complete	15-Oct-2015	Complete	GLI has completed testing. The certification letter is being prepared.
MGC Acceptance of CMS System	16-Oct-2015	Complete	This date pushed based on the GLI completion + 2 days for GLI letter writing (official confirmation of system CMS testing complete)
Training Complete	07-Oct-2015	Complete	Training is expected to push right up until Go Live, to complete MGC specific training.
INTELLIGEN CMS Go Live Prep	19-Oct-2015	Complete	
INTELLIGEN CMS Go Live (Start)	19-Oct-2015	Underway	We are planning on a four week cycle to complete currently. This will be updated at the end of the first week.
INTELLIGEN CMS Go Live (Finish)	23-Nov-2015	Tracking	

CMS GO LIVE Finish Date - 11/20/15





TO: Chairman Crosby, Commissioners Cameron, Macdonald, Stebbins, Zuniga
FROM: Mark Vander Linden, Director of Research and Responsible Gaming
DATE: November 12, 2015
RE: Update on Play Management timeline

Background

In January 2015, the Massachusetts Gaming Commission (MGC) voted to adopt a Play Management (PM) system that included budget-setting tools on a test basis at Plainridge Park Casino (PPC). Since that time I've worked closely with key stakeholders including: Penn National Gaming, Sci Games, Cambridge Health Alliance, Division on Addiction and other staff at the Massachusetts Gaming Commission. I'm pleased to report that the initial content is complete and being installed on the PPC test system. This is a significant milestone but there remain a number of tasks that need to be finished before PM can go live at PPC.

Key tasks to be complete:

- Push content to test system – Play Management content installed on a test system at PPC.
- Bally unit test – A Bally install specialist will test the system against MGC requirements.
- MGC system walkthrough – MGC and other key stakeholders will have the opportunity to test the system in the test lab at PPC.
- User acceptance testing – MGC will make sure the system is functioning as expected.
- Walkthrough training - Super user training, including GameSense Advisors and PPC manager level training.
- Property user acceptance training – PPC will assure the system interacts with the game as expected.
- Content revisions – Changes made to the system at game level and kiosk based on feedback during user acceptance testing.
- Live installation of software – Install PM server and configure communication. Configure content on the kiosk.
- End user training – Training for select PPC employees that will interact with patrons and the system.
- Live content installation- Updated Soft GMU (Game Monitoring Unit) software and live PM content will be pushed simultaneously to the games on the PPC floor.

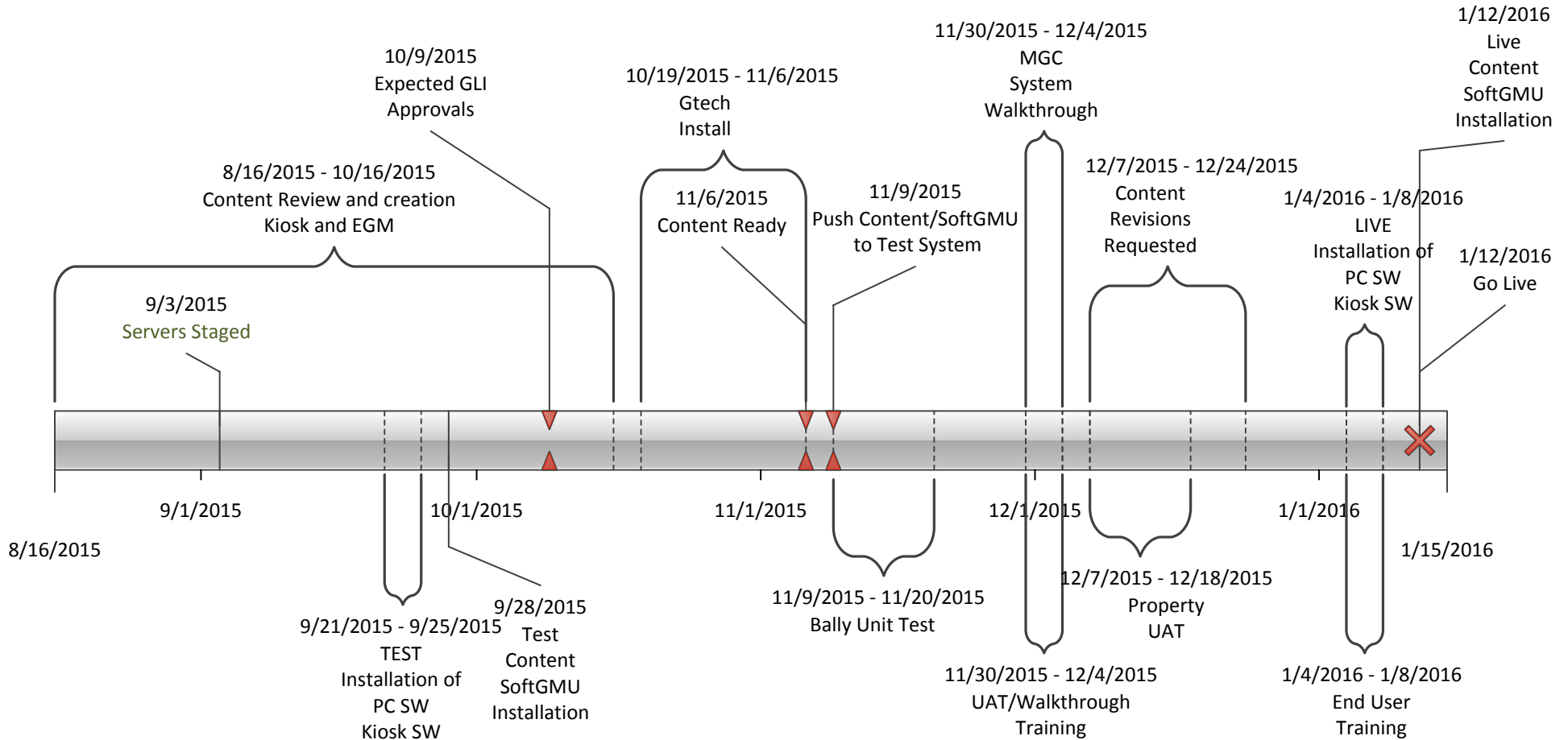
Attachments

The timeline outlines the work that has been done since August and tasks to be complete before the system can launch.



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Plainridge Park Play Management





TO: Stephen Crosby, Chairman
Gayle Cameron, Commissioner
Lloyd Macdonald, Commissioner
Bruce Stebbins, Commissioner
Enrique Zuniga, Commissioner

FROM: Alexandra Lightbown, Director of Racing

CC: Karen Wells, Interim Executive Director
Catherine Blue, General Counsel

DATE: November 9, 2015

RE: Applications to conduct live horse racing in 2016

Dear Commissioners:

The Commission has received four applications to conduct live horse racing in Massachusetts in 2016:

- Plainville Gaming and Redevelopment, LLC (Plainridge Racecourse) to conduct 115 days of harness racing from April 11 through November 29;
- Sterling Suffolk Racecourse, LLC (Suffolk Downs) to conduct 6 days of running horse racing on July 9th and 10th, August 6th and 7th, and September 3rd and 4th;
- Brockton Agricultural Society (Brockton) to conduct 15 days of running horseracing from July 1-July 30th;
- Middleborough Agricultural Society (Middleborough) to conduct 15 days of running horse racing from August 5th through September 5th

In order to grant a racing license, the Commission must take into consideration the criteria provided in Chapter 128A Section 3 (i), "in addition to any other appropriate and pertinent factors". Those criteria are:

- The financial ability of the applicant to operate a race track;
- The maximization of state revenues;
- The suitability of racing facilities for operation at the time of the year for which the dates are assigned;
- That large groups of spectators require safe and convenient



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facilities;

- Having and maintaining proper physical facilities for racing meetings;
- According fair treatment to the economic interest and investments of those who in good faith have provided and maintained the facilities

In order for the Commission to determine if the criteria are met, the Commission can consider the application materials provided by the applicant and the testimony and comments received from the public.

Plainville Gaming and Redevelopment, LLC (Plainridge Racecourse) meets the requirements of Chapter 128A Section 3(i) and is the only facility to apply for harness racing.

Recommendation: The Racing Division recommends the Commission approve the application of Plainville Gaming and Redevelopment, LLC (Plainridge Racecourse) for live harness horse racing in 2016, with the condition that they have an independent expert review the track surface prior to racing.

Suffolk Downs and Brockton/Middleborough have applied for running horse racing. Chapter 128A Section 3(e) permits both to be licensed at the same time:

(e) No license shall be issued to permit running horse meetings to be held or conducted, except in connection with a state or county fair, at the same time of day at more than 1 race track within the commonwealth unless the race tracks are more than 75 miles apart; provided that, no license shall be issued to permit a running horse racing meeting to be held at a racing strip of less than 1 mile, except for a racing meeting in connection with a state or county fair; provided, however, that, in no case, shall more than 2 licenses be issued for meetings to be held or conducted at the same time of day.

Sterling Suffolk Racecourse, LLC (Suffolk Downs) meets the requirements of Chapter 128A Section 3(i). The Racing Division is currently reviewing the purse distribution for the 2015 meet, and will report back to the Commission at a later date on the numbers of recent Suffolk horsemen and horses that benefited from this meet.

Recommendation: The Racing Division recommends the Commission approve the application of Sterling Suffolk Racecourse, LLC (Suffolk Downs) for live running horse racing in 2016, with the following conditions:

1. Suffolk Downs will have an independent expert review the track surface prior to racing.
2. Every effort will be made to limit the number of steeple chase races.



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3. After each two days of racing, Suffolk will report to the Commission the numbers and percentage of recent Suffolk horsemen and horses that benefited from their races.
4. Suffolk Downs will work with Brockton/Middleborough so they race on different days.
5. Suffolk Downs will request in writing to the Commission how much money they would like from the Race Horse Development Fund and how it will be spent.

Brockton Agricultural Society (Brockton) and Middleborough Agricultural Society (Middleborough) are two separate licenses both to be run at the Brockton Fair Grounds, so the applications will be discussed together. The applications meet the requirements of 128A, although there are parts of the applications that aren't complete, such as executed agreements with representative horsemen's organizations, insurance, and security plans.

Recommendation: The Racing Division recommends the Commission approve the applications of the Brockton Agricultural Society (Brockton) and Middleborough Agricultural Society (Middleborough) for live running horse racing in 2016, with the following conditions:

1. At least 30 days before their first race, they provide the Commission with the information needed to complete their application.
2. Brockton will have an independent expert review the track surface prior to racing.
3. A good-faith effort will be made towards obtaining NTRA Safety and Integrity Alliance accreditation.
4. After each of their 15 days of racing, Brockton and Middleborough will report to the Commission the numbers and percentage of recent Suffolk horsemen and horses that benefited from their races.
5. Brockton/Middleborough will work with Suffolk Downs so they race on different days.
6. Brockton/Middleborough will request in writing to the Commission how much money they would like from the Race Horse Development Fund and how it will be spent.



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Porche, Cecelia (MGC)

From: tony_bailey@verizon.net
Sent: Friday, November 06, 2015 10:54 AM
To: MGCcomments (MGC)
Subject: 2016 Racing Applications

Dear Gaming Commission,

This email is in support of recognizing the NEHBPA as the organization that represents horsemen and the interests of horsemen in New England. They are doing an excellent job as the racing industry transitions after Suffolk Downs decided it would no longer host a full racing meet. As a lifelong racing fan and someone who spends discretionary time and money on the sport, I would hope you continue to recognize the NEHBPA. The industry of horse racing has deep cultural and economic ties in the region and deserves a chance at a better future led by the NEHBPA.

Sincerely,

Tony Bailey
9 Tewksbury St.
Andover MA 01810

Porche, Cecelia (MGC)

From: Karen <fkvaleri@comcast.net>
Sent: Friday, November 06, 2015 9:37 AM
To: MGCcomments (MGC)
Subject: 2016 Racing Applications

I am writing to voice support for NEHBPA and for racing in Massachusetts. In truth, the ONLY reason I wanted a casino in Massachusetts was to save Suffolk Downs and the horse racing industry which was, I believe, the original intent of the legislation. I attended the live racing days and was happy to be among a huge crowd each time. The Gaming Commission needs to be reminded of the rich history of racing in this state. We cannot lose this industry.

Thank you
Karen Valeri

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

Porche, Cecelia (MGC)

From: Michael McEachern <meachmichael@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, November 06, 2015 10:12 AM
To: MGCcomments (MGC)
Subject: 2016 Racing Applications

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing you today in support of the six day license for racing in 2016 at Suffolk Downs under the NEHBPA's jurisdiction. I am hoping it is abundantly clear to the esteemed folks on the Mass Gaming Commission as it is to me, that this is the only legitimate option for thoroughbred racing in MA in 2016.

The splinter group of owners and trainers are akin to extraneous and unneeded information in word problems that we'd all solve in grammar school. They're there to confuse the end goal, throw you off and make you think there is an alternative, when there is really not. The Stronach Group clearly has no interest in an arrangement to lease racing at Suffolk Downs. Any allusion to the contrary is simply a distraction. The simple math of that situation or Suffolk Downs running a longer meet (say 45 days) is a losing proposition.

The NEHBPA, on the other hand, is being pragmatic and practical. I have seen their plans for a non-profit equine center that includes a race track. It's innovative, it's sensible and it fits the business model needed for modern day success in thoroughbred racing. It's also not simply a race track and seems to fit a wholly successful model that is being run at Canterbury Park in Minnesota. There is activities surrounding the racing, such as food truck days, family events and college nights. It helps drive a secondary revenue stream not specific to the handle generated by the races. That is what is needed to survive in modern thoroughbred racing. I would point to the article below that illustrate better Canterbury's move away from the brink of extinction to current success using many of the ideas the NEHBPA have in mind:

<https://www.minnpost.com/business/2015/07/horse-racing-dying-america-so-why-canterbury-park-thriving>

I attended two of the three racing days with my wife and three year old daughter this fall. We had a wonderful time each day. I would estimate between food, drinks and wagering, we spent \$250 each day. The NEHBPA has a vision for the future that I support. Others are simply detached from the reality of the situation and their "ideas" are simply recycled short term lifelines that provide little to no stability.

I urge the Commission to approve the six day meet in 2016 and continue to support the NEHBPA in their quest for a new racing model in Massachusetts.

Thank you,

Michael McEachern - BS, MBA

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Michael McEachern BS, MBA

Porche, Cecelia (MGC)

From: Kevin Higgins <kevin_higgins21@verizon.net>
Sent: Friday, November 06, 2015 9:45 AM
To: MGCcomments (MGC)
Subject: 2016 Racing Applications

To the Gaming Commission,

I am writing to you to show support for the NEHBPA, which has done a great job in trying to preserve live thoroughbred racing in Massachusetts. The NEHBPA is coming off a very successful campaign in which Suffolk saw 3 live race dates that were a huge success. It is my understanding that the NEHBPA is also looking to expand this to 6 days for the 2016 racing calendar. This is crucial to keeping the sport in the public eye, while more long term plans are solidified. As I'm sure you know, the NEHBPA has been doing some great work towards preserving live racing and the limited live racing schedule at Suffolk serves only as a bridge to the end goal of having a fully operational Equestrian Center, Retirement Home, Medical Facility, Community Medical Center, CSA Farmers Market, and much more that is owned and operated by the horseman. Based on the great work the NEHBPA has done in the past as the only recognized board that represents the local horseman, and the continued work they are doing to save live racing in the area, I am asking that you continue to recognize the NEHBPA as the sole recognized board representing the horseman.

Thanks for anticipated cooperation,
Kevin Higgins

Porche, Cecelia (MGC)

From: Karen U <pkumbrello@verizon.net>
Sent: Friday, November 06, 2015 9:34 AM
To: MGCcomments (MGC)
Subject: 2016 Racing Applications

To whom it may concern:

I am writing to you today to show my support for the NEHBPA and New England racing. I feel that this years three day festival was very successful, and brought back the fun and excitement I remember from years ago. I believe that the next years 6 days will be even better!

Even though it was only three days this year, it really did help support local horseman and businesses, including the small business food trucks that were able to participate and all the other jobs associated with making those three days such a great success.

The HBPA (national horseman's association) are the only recognized board that represents the horseman and they are truly putting their hearts into trying to save racing in New England.

I have seen their plans and vision for the future of racing in New England. It does consist of more racing days, and this year and next are only a bridge to bring racing into the future with a nonprofit race track owned and operated by the horseman. What could be more exciting for the future of racing in New England?

Thank you for taking the time to consider my thoughts.

Karen Umbrello

Sent from my Verizon Wireless 4G LTE smartphone

Porche, Cecelia (MGC)

From: Margo Palmer <margo@margopalmer.com>
Sent: Friday, November 06, 2015 10:02 AM
To: MGCcomments (MGC)
Cc: Paul Umbrello
Subject: 2016 Racing Applications

To the Massachusetts Gaming Commission,

I was disappointed to read that the NEHBPA was not recognized as the official body for horse racing in New England in an article in Bloodhorse magazine yesterday. Particularly after the NEHBPA had put together 3 days of racing this year that were focused on the locally bred horses and those racers who had participated in last years racing at Suffolk Downs. The three days were well attended, beautifully run events which focused on racing, family, food and fun. I attended each day and loved it! I implore you to see the reality that this is a proven group and they deserve to continue to speak for horse racing in Massachusetts.

The opposing group is lead by an outspoken individual who believes he can do better, but from where I'm standing, his is a short sighted plan that has no future for racing. I'm not going to Brockton to watch racing, ever. I'd happily go to a location in western MA to participate in an equestrian center. I'm asking you to support the old guard, the NEHBPA. They have delivered on their promises, to support local businesses and racing in Massachusetts.

Please reward this group of hard working people and grant them the 6 days they request next year.

Thank you,
Margo Palmer
Salem, MA

Porche, Cecelia (MGC)

From: Bob Vein <bvein8@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, November 06, 2015 9:44 AM
To: MGCcomments (MGC)
Subject: 2016 Racing Application

I support the NEHBPA. They done a great job.

Porche, Cecelia (MGC)

From: Molly Bettencourt <mollybettencourt@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, November 06, 2015 9:26 AM
To: MGCcomments (MGC)
Subject: 2016 racing applications

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to you today as an equestrian, an enthusiast and a Massachusetts resident to express my support for the NEHBPA to head the decision for racing days in 2016. I am fully behind the plans for a non profit horse park in Massachusetts and feel as though the Race Days are essential to bringing further support from Massachusetts residents. I personally went to two of the three Race Days this past fall. No matter the weather the track side was full of both older race fans and first timers enjoying the atmosphere and the horses.

Though it may seem the race days support only the thoroughbred and racing community if there is increased interest and support for the days there is a better chance for the nonprofit New England horse park that will be a beacon for all disciplines.

Thank you for your time.

Molly Smith
Dighton & Haverhill, MA

508-980-9042

Sent from my iPhone

Porche, Cecelia (MGC)

From: dino3434@verizon.net
Sent: Friday, November 06, 2015 9:54 AM
To: MGCcomments (MGC)
Subject: 2016 racing application

I support the MEHBPA. It did help and support the horsemen and businesses associated it with it. It was a successful 3 day festival and the next ones will be even better. The support that is given to the locals from the organization is amazing. thank you

Porche, Cecelia (MGC)

From: william dewhurst <billdew@comcast.net>
Sent: Friday, November 06, 2015 9:38 AM
To: MGCcomments (MGC)
Subject: jail Run La

Board Members:

I, as an owner, support the NEHBPA and believe their plans for the future of racing in Massachusetts are viable and will constitute a working base for the successful return of racing to Massachusetts.

Presently I have my horses based in Maryland and am racing throughout the Mid-Atlantic states. I am not at all happy with this situation and believe the NEHBPA plan will restore racing to Massachusetts.

Thank you for considering my support of the NEHBPA.

William A. Dewhurst
28 Quail Run Lane
North Andover, MA 01845

Porche, Cecelia (MGC)

From: Mike <bosox333@aol.com>
Sent: Friday, November 06, 2015 9:16 AM
To: MGCcomments (MGC)
Subject: 2016 racing dates

as a horse owner i fully support the application for 6 racing dates at suffolk downs The NEHBPA is my representative and i fully support their request for racing dates

Sent from my iPhone

Porche, Cecelia (MGC)

From: Tom Russell <tomr@1stvision.com>
Sent: Friday, November 06, 2015 9:05 AM
To: MGCcomments (MGC)
Subject: 2016 Racing Applications

Dear Gaming Commission,

This note is to voice support for the NEHBPA and to say how great it was to have 3 days of racing this year and how we are all looking forward to 6 days next year (here is wishing it was more) The events were great for the local horsemen as well as business.

We have reviewed some of the future plans for more racing in New England and fully support it as well as the hope for a horsemen owned nonprofit racing track to ensure continued racing in New England. It would not only support the local businesses but it is fantastic to see the racing in person, I personally have taken my kids and wife and they were all in awe of the beautiful horses and were able to feed them as well as be next to the track during the races, great experience!!!

Thanks for listening,

Sincerely Yours
Tom Russell
176 Bay State Road
Melrose, Ma 02176

Porche, Cecelia (MGC)

From: hello <bodababie@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, November 05, 2015 6:15 PM
To: MGCcomments (MGC)
Subject: horse racing application

The MassTHA has a viable solution by having 30 days of racing in Brockton thus making the MassTHA the horseman group and that has shown up time and time again with members to have live racing in MA. The HBPA did not even go to the meeting on Weds the 4th in Brockton to see if there was anything there for there few remaining members. The Carney's and the MassTHA have agreed on the 30 day with the option of having more days with approval .Suffolk must be denied the days and simulcast for an industry leader to come in to MA as stated by Jay Bernadinni vice president of the HBPA ,that Stonarch Group will, and is looking forward to ,setting up a track in MA as long as Suffolk is removed from simulcasting . Stronach along with Carney and the MTHA will supply the MA racing economy with a solid future in MA and a good living for all involved . The MassTHA has brought the Gaming Commision Carney and Stronach , while the hbpa ,as stated at the Gaming Commision meeting the 5th by them ,has been a failure to get anything done but 2 more days from suffolk for 2015 and has spent a years worth of RDF for administration. The MassTHA in the tradition of the people of Boston have organized, moved forward, on our shear will to have our voices heard and the result of the will people being realized because it is right. Thank You Paddy Reardon , I would like thank the members of the Gaming Commission, for making my first venture into making a difference,that my opinion mattered and that my voice is valued . Thank You again.

Porche, Cecelia (MGC)

From: Cynthia W. <opalorama@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, November 06, 2015 9:13 AM
To: MGCcomments (MGC)
Subject: 2016 Racing Applications

Dear Gaming Commission Members:

I am writing today to urge you to support the NEHBPA and horse racing in New England. The recent day out at Suffolk was an example of just a little bit the NEHBPA could do to bring racing to a larger group of people; families, vendors, horsemen, etc.

I strongly support a minimum of 6 racing days for Suffolk Downs, not the 3 that they received this year. I have been a fan of Suffolk Downs along with my family for the past 43 years, all the years that I have lived in Massachusetts. I travel from Western Massachusetts for the chance of an afternoon of racing at Suffolk Downs. I always combine a day out at the races with a side trip to Boston to spend our recreational dollars in the city.

I have seen the plans for the NEHBPA's idea of what racing in New England could look like and I strongly approve. This is an opportunity for the state to support the horsemen and everything that goes with it while providing entertainment, recreation, and education to the general public.

Politics always gets in the way and it seems that is what has happened to Suffolk Downs and racing in New England.

I vote in every election and I like to think that my opinion counts.

Thank you for your consideration of this very important issue.

Sincerely,

Cynthia L. Walsh
Wales, MA

Porche, Cecelia (MGC)

From: mbertoni@aol.com
Sent: Friday, November 06, 2015 8:51 AM
To: MGCcomments (MGC)
Subject: 2016 racing applications

I support the NEHBPA and want

to keep racing in new England and enjoyed the 3 day festival at Suffolk downs Thank you sincerely Mario Bertoni

Porche, Cecelia (MGC)

From: hello <bodababie@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 03, 2015 8:54 PM
To: MGCcomments (MGC)
Subject: Fw: horse racing applications

On Tuesday, November 3, 2015 8:33 PM, hello <bodababie@yahoo.com> wrote:

Hello to the Commission , as long as suffolk downs has the simulcast and doesn't race the max there will be no industry leaders coming into the commonwealth to complete the mission statement of the gaming commission ,that is to have a strong and vibrant horse racing and breeding program in MASS. I made no income on the 3 days of racing and mass bred's racing and paying bonuses in other states where they will be claimed and brought back to other states to race there legs off for bonus money and never to return to race in MA and thus making it impossible to field a race in the future in MA. I thought you would want to know the damage that has been done so far. In order to have the breeding shed full ,unlike last spring the gaming commission needs to go to the max ,it has gone to far on miss information and I just wanted you to know just some of the important facts not to mention that horse people in MA can no longer hang in there ,we are broke, please help us. No simulcast for suffolk unless they race 50 days ,they can race as many days as they want but no simulcast unless they race the max. Thank you Paddy Reardon

Porche, Cecelia (MGC)

From: Kathy Manning <kates_pony@msn.com>
Sent: Friday, November 06, 2015 9:09 AM
To: MGCcomments (MGC)
Subject: 2016 Racing Applications

To whom it may concern;

As a member of the NEHBPA, currently as an owner, formerly as an owner/trainer, I would like you to know that I support the NEHBPA and feel the 3 days of racing was helpful. The people that were drawn in for the events all seemed to have a wonderful time.

Although I was hoping for more dates for 2016, something will be better than nothing. We, as Owners, Trainers, Breeders, and Farm Owners need this to be able to continue with our businesses. Much of our working capital and income is derived from the racing industry and it would be catastrophic to lose this.

It was always my impression that the NEHBPA was the only legal representative for the horsemens group. Also, that nationally, between the HBPA and THA, the NEHBPA is the only recognized board that represents the horsemen.

I have attended the open meetings and have seen their plans and vision for the future of racing in New England and it does consist of more racing days and that this year, and next year is only a bridge to bring us into the future to run our own nonprofit race track owned and operated by the horsemen.

Thank you,
Kathleen Manning,
Member of the NEHBPA as an Owner

Porche, Cecelia (MGC)

From: Steven Bishop <sbishop@monin.com>
Sent: Friday, November 06, 2015 8:48 AM
To: MGCcomments (MGC)
Subject: NEHBPA

To whom it may concern,

I want to let you know I support the NEHBPA and how successful this year's three day festival was and how next year's 6 days will be even better!

I feel the events helped and supported local horseman and businesses (food trucks and all the jobs associated with it)

Did you know that nationally besides the HBPA (national horseman's association) and THA (Thoroughbred Horseman's association) we are the only recognized board that represents the horseman

I have seen the plans and vision for the future of racing in New England and it does consist of more racing days and that this year and next are only a bridge to bring us into the future to run our own nonprofit race track owned and operated by the horseman

Best regards,
Steven Bishop

Porche, Cecelia (MGC)

From: rfd455@aol.com
Sent: Friday, November 06, 2015 9:07 AM
To: MGCcomments (MGC)
Subject: 2016 racing applications

Gaming Commission members

As a horse owner, resident of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and member of the NEHBPA, I request you recognize the NEHBPA as the organization to continue thoroughbred horse racing in Massachusetts. The very successful three day festival, the long term plans for a future horse park as well as the expanded racing festival for 2016 make it clear that this organization is the one that should lead the way to develop a racing model in both the short and long term. Should you wish to contact me please feel free to do so. Respectfully, Robert Ferrisi
T-Mobile. America's First Nationwide 4G Network.

Porche, Cecelia (MGC)

From: John Russell <John.Russell@paradigmprecision.com>
Sent: Friday, November 06, 2015 8:49 AM
To: MGCcomments (MGC)
Subject: NEHBPA

I strongly support the NEHBPA, the 3 days at Suffolk Downs were great and next year's 6 planned days should be even better! Nationally between the HBPA (national horseman's association) and THA (Thoroughbred Horseman's association) NEHBPA are the only recognized board that represents the horseman. I have vision for the future of racing in New England and it does consist of more racing days and that this year and next are only a bridge to bring us into the future to run our own nonprofit race track owned and operated by the horseman!

John Russell
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Porche, Cecelia (MGC)

From: ctrakas@aol.com
Sent: Friday, November 06, 2015 9:22 AM
To: MGCcomments (MGC)
Subject: 2016 Racing Applications

Hello,

I am an 11 year plus horse owner and also a patron of Suffolk Downs going back to the 1980's.

Please support the New England HBPA as the representative of the local horsemen. They did get us three days of racing during this terrible time for local racing and have plans for more in 2016. It may have been short but it was something. They also have a plan for 2017 that could include much more racing at a new location.

This other group purporting to be a horsemen's organization is very vocal and seems adept at using social media, but they did nothing to help our cause. They promised a meet at Brockton Fair and it never even reached the planning stage. They told people that Great Barrington was a real possibility when it was a pipe dream at best, and nothing happened. They came through with nothing but negativity and should not be recognized.

If this splinter group wants to work positively in conjunction with the HBPA and Suffolk and expand racing to Brockton and Great Barrington, more power to them. But the fact is we would have had no racing in 2015 with that group in charge. They are primarily interested in getting back at the owners of Suffolk Downs for their rash and hasty decision to close the track than to try to accomplish something positive.

I also want to point out that the vocal members of this group all happily participated in the Suffolk Racing Festival including its outspoken leader. Suffolk allowed them to participate and did not interfere with them.

The 3 day Festival benefitted my stable financially and more importantly gave people a much needed morale boost. It was a reunion for people, a time to remember better days, and a chance to have some hope. I wish the Gaming Commission had walked through the stable area and seen the reunions, the hugs, the smiles, and the nostalgic tears. It was a beautiful and emotional sight.

Next year's 6 day Festival will be better and I wish Suffolk ownership would do more and they could do more. The attendance averaged over 10,000 for each of these days and betting handle was way up over Saturdays in the recent past. There was also a noticeably younger fan demographic. Suffolk certainly made money on this Festival.

Suffolk's ownership group consists of two billionaires and two multi multi millionaires. They have been dealt a good hand in life and could easily put together a longer meet next year. Why not 6 racing Festival weekends consisting of 12 days, or each weekend from July to October so 20 or 30 racing days could happen. With purses supplied by the Racehorse Development Funds and with the incredibly loyal local fans and horse men and women making bets and buying food and beer and programs they certainly would make money.

This is something that the Commission could try to educate them on. It also should be pointed out that not one of the principal owners of Suffolk made an appearance at any of the three days of racing. Chip Tuttle to his credit did show up and was very cordial but none of the owners. That is also a major problem, the owners, with the exception of Mr. Fields, have no interest in the sport. They are real estate and casino investors. What would happen if John Henry and Bob Kraft never attended a Red Sox or Patriots game?

Thank you for reading this and please recognize the hard working HBPA and also please educate the very fortunate owners of Suffolk that the path for them to do more is there and many devoted working class people need them to follow the path.

Thank You,
Chris Trakas
Milton, MA

Sent from my iPhone

Porche, Cecelia (MGC)

From: jbertulli@comcast.net
Sent: Friday, November 06, 2015 3:03 PM
To: MGCcomments (MGC)
Subject: NEHBPA!

As a longtime thoroughbred racing fan, there is only one group that should be recognized to represent the horseman and determine racing days for 2016 in Massachusetts.

There is only one, the NEHBPA.

Porche, Cecelia (MGC)

From: rosiensp@aol.com
Sent: Friday, November 06, 2015 2:02 PM
To: MGCcomments (MGC)
Subject: 2016 racing application

Dear racing commission,
Please support the NEHBPA for there 6 day plan. This is in the best interest for QUALITY racing and the future plan for our own race track.

Thank you,
Warren Curtin
Thoroughbred owner

Sent from my iPad

Porche, Cecelia (MGC)

From: Bryan Perla <bryanjperla@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, November 06, 2015 1:45 PM
To: MGCcomments (MGC)
Subject: 2016 Racing Applications

Hello,

Suffolk Downs has been an extremely important and historic place for the past 80 years. These past few days at Suffolk this year have been great to advertise and keep racing in New England. Racing is extremely important to the economy and culture of MA. I am fully in support of the NEHBPA organization and what they have done this past year at Suffolk. Just being able to race at Suffolk this year was a victory, but in the future Suffolk will be even more of a success due to NEHBPA. Massachusetts breeders, truck vendors, trainers, and owners will be effected in an extremely positive way if Suffolk is able to continue racing!

Thank You,
From all racing fans in New England

Porche, Cecelia (MGC)

From: Joe Lewko <jojoe777@hotmail.com>
Sent: Friday, November 06, 2015 1:42 PM
To: MGCcomments (MGC)
Subject: 2016 Racing Applications

To whom it may concern at the Gambling Commission:

I am emailing in my support of the NEHBPA to be the recognized group to represent the horse men of New England.

I feel strongly their best interests are those of the horsemen, breeders, owners, and farms of New England. I have been a life long horse race fan and I am now currently an owner of a thoroughbred horse that I intend to race at Suffolk Downs or any other New England track should the future present one.

It is imperative that horse racing stay alive in New England and I feel that the NEHBPA is the best group to advocate for this.

Thank you,

Joe Lewko
28 Harris Rd.
Windham, NH 03087

Porche, Cecelia (MGC)

From: prcveda@aol.com
Sent: Friday, November 06, 2015 1:04 PM
To: MGCcomments (MGC)
Subject: 2016 Racing Applications

Dear MGC,

I am writing to support the NEHBPA as the genuine voice of horsemen and women in Massachusetts. As a former thoroughbred owner and lifelong fan of racing, I urge you to support its application for racing in 2016. This year's three days of racing at Suffolk Downs was a huge success and brought needed revenue to many. It was a joy to see Mass. bred stakes races and other contests with decent purses which attracted high quality, competitive fields from out of state. Many trainers who at one time were stabled here at Suffolk returned for these 3 days of racing. I look forward to seeing them here once again for six days of great racing next year.

Yours truly,

Paul R Constantino, Esq.

Porche, Cecelia (MGC)

From: Carol <carolbearlady@hotmail.com>
Sent: Friday, November 06, 2015 12:25 PM
To: MGCcomments (MGC)
Subject: Support NEHBA

Please support the NEHBA. They have done a great job with the 3 day racing festival. I have seen their plans for new track I'm very impressed! The new track would help out local horsemen, vendors in the area. It would be great for Mass racing! Thank you Carol DePetrillo

Sent from my iPhone

Porche, Cecelia (MGC)

From: Bill Hall <wjh@rahallco.com>
Sent: Friday, November 06, 2015 12:18 PM
To: MGCcomments (MGC)
Subject: 2016 racing

Dear sirs/madams:

I am writing to inform you that I support the NEHBPA as representing racing in Massachusetts.

The vision of a non profit racing group is the right way for Massachusetts racing.

They have successfully put on 3 racing events in 2015 and appear to have the individuals directly involved best interests in mind.

Thank you.

Bill hall

Sent from my Verizon Wireless 4G LTE smartphone

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Porche, Cecelia (MGC)

From: Lori Barrasso <lori.barrasso@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, November 06, 2015 12:10 PM
To: MGCcomments (MGC)
Subject: 2016 Racing Applications

Dear Esteemed Gaming Commission,

As a life-long Massachusetts resident, as well as a long time horseracing fan, I wish to write this letter in support of the NEHBPA and comment on how successful this year's three day festival was. I am sure next year's 6 days will be even better.

It is wonderful how this helped support local horsemen and businesses (food trucks and all the jobs associated with it).

The NEHBPA is the only board recognized as representing the horseman.

I've seen NEHBA's plans and vision for the future of racing in New England and it does consist of more racing days. NEHBPA's plan for the future are a bridge to bring us into the future to have a nonprofit race track owned and operated by the horseman

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Best,
Lori Barrasso

Porche, Cecelia (MGC)

From: Leona <mckanasl@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, November 06, 2015 11:48 AM
To: MGCcomments (MGC)
Subject: 2016 racing

To whom May concern I support the NEHBPA 100 percent there should not be any other group even considered to represent the horseman of N .E. There are a group of disgruntled people I won't even call them horseman because they are not looking out for the best interest of the majority horses the NEHBPA has been recognized for over 75 years and is recognized nationally I do not and never will be a part of any other group that doesn't have my best interest at heart thank you leona mckanas Sent from my iPhone

Porche, Cecelia (MGC)

From: Kevin <Winningtrainer@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, November 06, 2015 11:24 AM
To: MGCcomments (MGC)
Subject: Recognized horseman

To Gaming Commission Board Members,

Please don't be "tricked" by some individuals in attendance of your meeting today. Although some are horseman...some are not qualified to represent the professional long time full time horseman and haven't been elected to do so. An election process that has been in place for decades. Unfortunately, most long time full time horseman are away racing because Suffolk Downs closed. The NEHBPA is working on a solution to bring those horseman (the larger majority & those w/ the most horses & most invested in racing) back to Massachusetts. We have tried unsuccessfully to include Mr. Lagorio and his splinter group into meetings and discussion about the future. Mr. Lagorio has no evidence of the majority of support by professional horseman, please don't make the situation worse by continuing to recognize this splinter group. He may bring people to the GC meetings but, that's not evidence of the majority of support he claims.

Many members of this splinter group know that the correct representatives for the New England Horseman is the NEHBPA evidence by 1) they were either on the board and recently got elected off (by the voting horseman) and/or 2) like Mr. Lagorio campaigned for the most recent NEHBPA board and weren't chosen by the active horseman to represent the NE horseman. Please consider this... if the approx 80 yr old NEHBPA isn't the recognized representative of the local horseman WHY did some of the organizers of MassTHA run in the recent election to be elected onto the NEHBPA Board? Also, isn't it interesting that...that some in attendance including Mr. Lagorio, Adel Salim, and others fought the idea of a 3 day festival of racing but, then ran their horses. Didn't they testify to your board that 3 days of racing was no benefit to local horseman? Did they race horses seeking zero benefit or did their participation show their prior testimony wasn't factually based but, misleading.

Please recognize only the approx 80 yr old NEHBPA as the appropriate representative of local horseman and please don't blame its current board members along with its majority of horseman for not being attendance today (when you have horses you have to attend to their needs). We already have to deal with the NEHBPA getting blamed for not having a place to race...I know the NEHPBA is trying hard, not ruling out any option, to find a solution to run longer and ASAP.

Thanks in advance for considering my request.

Regards,
Kevin McCarthy
Horseman & NEHBPA Board Member.

Sent from my iPhone

Sent from my iPhone

Porche, Cecelia (MGC)

From: Noelle Medugno <nmedugno@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, November 06, 2015 11:22 AM
To: MGCcomments (MGC)
Subject: 2016 Racing Applications

I support the NEHBPA and how successful this years three day festival was and how next years 6 days will be even better. My husband and I so enjoy going to Suffolk Downs for a day of racing and good food and this past weekend was a great time! I love the history of horseracing and the nostalgia that it comes with.

I am pleased to know that it did help and support local horseman and businesses (food trucks and all the jobs associated with it)

Also, nationally between the HBPA (national horseman's association) and THA (Thoroughbred Horseman's association) is the only recognized board that represents the horseman

When I attended the festival on Oct. 31st I saw the plans and vision for the future of racing in New England and it does consist of more racing days and that this year and next are only a bridge to bring us into the future to run their own nonprofit race track owned and operated by the horseman.

Best Regads,
Noelle Medugno

Porche, Cecelia (MGC)

From: amaded@cox.net
Sent: Friday, November 06, 2015 11:21 AM
To: MGCcomments (MGC)
Subject: i strongly support racing to continue in new englad . we have recently had our debackle here in virginia with the ownership of colonial downs wanting to control a limited number of meets with large purses disregarding the horseemens needs consequently ...

Porche, Cecelia (MGC)

From: crrstable@verizon.net
Sent: Friday, November 06, 2015 1:05 PM
To: MGCcomments (MGC)
Subject: 2016 racing Dates and Comments

Importance: High

Commission and Chair

I would like to make a few comments in regards to the last two days of open public comments regarding the 2016 racing dates and who speaks for the horseman

First and foremost, I want to apologize that I could not be present to speak yesterday. Many of us Owners, trainers and board members have full time jobs and/or are currently out of state as we move our business were the work is.

FACTS:

I honestly didn't expect it would come down to this but only one horseman's group with elected officials are the ones that represent the horseman and this is how's its been for the last 80 years. The NEHBPA should be the only recognized group. Are we sending a message that it's ok for anyone to branch out and get 100 signatures and can form another horseman's group without national or legislative approval? The answer is NO

Second, I've attached results (black and white no false accusations) that clearly display that the three day event averaged each day over a 80% combination of horses/owners/trainers with local ties to New England and/or those that participated in 2014 at Suffolk Downs. This also averaged to over 300K per day and very close to 1million dollars back to those individuals. You will also see noted that those that opposed (* MTHA) the 3 days participated this year why?

In the past we would race in purses for 100K per day This 3 day festival was the equivalent of racing 10 days and if we can double it that in 2016 that's like racing a 20 day meet. Also as a reminder the majority of the purse money that is distributed goes back to the owners not the trainer. The trainer only makes a fee off of this. So again the NEHBPA represents owners and trainers. Who does the MTHA represent and it can't be an individual who's intent is to be an owner/trainer it's like saying it's my intent to run for President

Let me also remind you that while our organization including myself would support and have reached out to other entities to race elsewhere or more days they financially are not feasible at this time.

Have you even visited the Brockton site they need millions of dollars and time to be race ready and have a safe course for 2016 which they don't have or I should say the MTHA and Mr. Carney have shared no plans? Why hasn't Mr. Carney supported the horseman and racing the last 10 years?

More facts, out of our 10 member board of the NEHBPA the MTHA had more owners and trainers that raced over the three days than the NEHBPA board so what does that say. You can validate these facts by the attached document

I hope you review these statements and facts and make the correct decision by maintaining as it

should the NEHBPA as the governing board. I think it is even better if you give us the opportunity to come in as a board and share our vision, plans and reasons why we are where at this crossroad.

Sincerely

Paul Umbrello Owner of Charles River Racing Stables and member of the NEHBPA

Porche, Cecelia (MGC)

From: Phil Dandrea <pc34dandrea@aol.com>
Sent: Friday, November 06, 2015 4:47 PM
To: MGCcomments (MGC)
Subject: support 2016 racing dates and HEHBPA

Dear Sirs,

I wanted to send a note to voice my support for NEHBPA and the work they do in support of horses and their trainers, grooms, and people who care for them.

I particularly want to support the passage of additional racing dates at Suffolk Downs for 2016. I was able to make it out to the track this year for the special dates, and the turn-out, particularly October 31st was impressive (and on Halloween Day).

Considering not only the horsemen, but the track workers and vendors, the race dates are a good source providing employment opportunities.

Thank you,
Phil Dandrea

Porche, Cecelia (MGC)

From: horse2fast <horse2fast@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, November 06, 2015 3:57 PM
To: MGCcomments (MGC)
Subject: Thoroughbred racing

To whom it may concern, I am a longstanding owner trainer and breeder I am vehemently opposed to 6 days of racing and simulcast rights to Suffolk Downs. Our industry and the people deserve more! This is our livelihood,NO to 6 days No to simulcasting without a live meet of at least 50 days!!! Thank you I'm confident the commission will do the right thing and protect our industry and our jobs

Sincerely,
Elena Storlazzi

Sent via the Samsung GALAXY S® 5, an AT&T 4G LTE smartphone

Porche, Cecelia (MGC)

From: karcorkery1@gmail.com
Sent: Friday, November 06, 2015 3:49 PM
To: MGCcomments (MGC)
Subject: Re: Mass Thoroughbred racing and simulcasting

To whom it may concern:

My name is Krystine O'Connor, Owner of Fairview Farms JJC in Brimfield Ma. We are a thoroughbred farm in western Massachusetts. We race, train, re home, lay up and even provide foaling services thoroughbreds. We do provide lessons and boarding but most of our business are these race horses. Our farm certainly has had more than our share of ups and downs. In 2011 we were visited by a tornado, this itself cause strain on the farm as there was no government relief available to us because were horses and horses are considered a hobby not a business. Now were also facing the repercussion of minimal racing in Massachusetts. Last year we sent horses out of state to continue racing but it just simply proved to be difficult and expensive. I have found that other tracks were not so welcoming as they know if there were racing in Massachusetts we would not be there. Our off season boarding is down, I understand trainers don't feel comfortable laying up a horse with nothing concrete locally for their future. I am hoping this all a temporary issue and I will continue in the meantime exploring the other aspects of out business.

I have attended every public meeting pertaining to racing in the Commonwealth. I do believe the MGC has gone above and beyond in trying to get something solid on that table for racing. I understand that even though many are quite emotional over the topic of racing; It is clear that nothing concrete has been placed on the table for voting other than Sterling Suffolk's request for minimal days. This puts the MGC in a very difficult position leaving no choice but to approve what is presented.

It just seems to me, and this is my opinion as I do not have any factual proof, Sterling Suffolk is only asking for minimal days to keep the simulcast as it is required of them to have at least 1 racing day each year. If we say no to Sterling Suffolk, I assume this will end the simulcast rights? Will this open it up for other proposals to be offered? When I think about a bigger picture, loss V.S. gain. I don't feel we would loose much this time around by denying the 6 race days. I would like to see the MGC explore this aspect. We have been hearing from the MTHA that offers will come if we pull simulcasting. Can we do this and see who comes forward? I just feel that we are at a stale mate. Obviously we all want to see a full meet in Massachusetts but, I do believe if we approve this we may just be doing this same argument year after year. I do not believe Sterling Suffolk is interested in doing anything more than what they have in play currently and they will continue to submit these minimal day proposals for as long as they keep getting approved.

Is it possible to contact the Stronach Group to inquire what their looking for in order to put an offer on the table. I was hoping to see a member of this organization come to a public hearing to speak to the board to discuss their proposition. What can the MGC do the secure something solid? I know this commission has been trying very hard to secure thoroughbred racing. I do appreciate all you have done thus far. I hope that this upcoming year we can move forward.

Sincerely

Krystine O'Connor

Porche, Cecelia (MGC)

From: Tim Ryan <tim.ryan2962@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 09, 2015 9:29 AM
To: MGCcomments (MGC)

Categories: Green Category

No Suffolk dates if less than 50 thank you Tim ryan

Porche, Cecelia (MGC)

From: Mark Looney <Mark_Looney@waters.com>
Sent: Monday, November 09, 2015 9:16 AM
To: MGCcomments (MGC)
Subject: Racing at suffolk

Hello

I have owned horses racing at Suffolk for many years and want to express my support of at least a 50 day meet at Suffolk. The recent 3 day meets only benefited the big out of town stables and the Mass breeders races. I understand the mass breeders races. I had to race my horses at Belmont and Saratoga this year, and would much rather have been in Boston where we can enjoy the local racing. A larger meet provides need jobs for lower skilled workers.

The Development fund with its casion % as well as the simulcast signal should be enough of an enticement to run a standard meet. Thats what benefits the majority of true sportsmen, not a select few.

best regards

Mark Looney
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Porche, Cecelia (MGC)

From: Debbie Thomas <oldderbyfarm@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 09, 2015 8:50 AM
To: MGCcomments (MGC)
Subject: Racing at Suffolk Downs : NO DATES WITHOUT A MINUMIN OF 50 DAYS! !!!Deborah Thomas

Sent from Samsung Mobile

Porche, Cecelia (MGC)

From: Kevin <actwon@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 09, 2015 8:23 AM
To: MGCcomments (MGC)
Subject: Racing license

Dear Massachusetts Gaming Commission,

I have been a trainer, owner, and blacksmith in New England since 1988. I strongly oppose the idea of a 6 day race meet which benefits out of town owners and trainers, while the people who have been supporting NE racing for years are losing everything. Please deny any application for any short term race meet. We used to run for over 100 days, and I know that probably is not going to happen any more, but 6 day meets only benefit the racetrack owners who want the simulcast signal and ability to gain financially while eliminating the cost of having a REAL race meet.

Sincerely, Kevin D'Abate (owner, trainer, blacksmith) Sent from my iPhone

Porche, Cecelia (MGC)

From: Michele Dandrea <michele.dandrea@bcnc.net>
Sent: Monday, November 09, 2015 7:41 AM
To: MGCcomments (MGC)
Subject: 2016 Racing Applications

To whom it may concern,

I want to voice my support for NEHBPA and the work they do in support of horses and their trainers, grooms, and people who care for them.

I particularly want to support the passage of additional racing dates at Suffolk Downs for 2016. I was able to make it out to the track this year for the special dates, and the turn-out, particularly October 31st was impressive (and on Halloween Day).

Consider not only the horsemen, but the track workers and vendors, the race dates are a good source providing employment opportunities. Racing has a long history in Massachusetts and it would be a shame to lose it.
Thank you,

Michele Dandrea

Porche, Cecelia (MGC)

From: fgs52743 <fgs52743@aol.com>
Sent: Monday, November 09, 2015 7:01 AM
To: MGCcomments (MGC)
Subject: Suffolk downs

No less than 50 day meet

Sent from my Verizon Wireless 4G LTE smartphone

Porche, Cecelia (MGC)

From: fgs52743 <fgs52743@aol.com>
Sent: Monday, November 09, 2015 6:59 AM
To: MGCcomments (MGC)
Subject: 50 day meet

Horsemen can't survive with less than 50 days of racing. Thank you

Sent from my Verizon Wireless 4G LTE smartphone

Porche, Cecelia (MGC)

From: joyce Kielty <joycekielty@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 09, 2015 6:24 AM
To: MGCcomments (MGC)

No Suffolk dates without 50 day meet

Porche, Cecelia (MGC)

From: Amanda Carlin <acarlin924@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 09, 2015 6:06 AM
To: MGCcomments (MGC)
Subject: Suffolk Downs Dates for 2016

Please- NO days for Suffolk Downs without a 50 day Meet. Thank you
Amanda Carlin

Porche, Cecelia (MGC)

From: MGC Website <website@massgaming.com>
Sent: Sunday, November 08, 2015 9:48 PM
To: MGCcomments (MGC)
Subject: Contact the Commissioner Form Submission

Name

wayne marcoux

Email

WAYMAC38@YAHOO.COM

Phone

(617) 513-0665

Subject

horse racing application

Questions or Comments

I am a revere ma. resident and a horse trainer for 30 yrs. and I am opposed to giving suffolk downs 1 day or 6 days of racing because that will do us no good suffolk downs just wants that so they can simulcast.

Porche, Cecelia (MGC)

From: Don Colapietro <doncolapietro43@icloud.com>
Sent: Sunday, November 08, 2015 5:40 PM
To: MGCcomments (MGC)
Subject: Horse racing applications

To whom it may concern,

As a long time thoroughbred horse owner in Massachusetts and New England of 25 years I am requesting that you do not approve the six racing days for Suffolk Downs in 2016. The mass gaming commission should require Suffolk Downs to run a minimum of 50 day meet to retain their lucrative simulcasting license .

Thank you,

Don Colapietro
Glenridge Stable
401.465.3194

Sent from my iPhone

Porche, Cecelia (MGC)

From: ratsrus313@aol.com
Sent: Sunday, November 08, 2015 4:56 PM
To: MGCcomments (MGC); ratsrus313@aol.com
Subject: Suffolk Downs Racing Dates & 2016 Simulcasting

To Whom It May Concern;

This correspondence is to inform the MGC of my displeasure concerning the application of Suffolk Downs for six days of racing as well as their desire to continue to simulcast in 2016.

I have been a horsemen in New England since 1987 and I'm sad to say that the state of thoroughbred racing in Massachusetts, Suffolk Downs specifically, is, at this point in time, the absolute worst I have seen it in nearly thirty years !! The quality of racing at Suffolk Downs has deteriorated to such a degree that it has now become laughable across America. This, I believe, is because the current management at Suffolk Downs wanted a casino and had no desire to race and now that the casino license has been awarded elsewhere they simply want to bring whatever funds they can into their facility to offset the operational costs of the property until it can be sold and/or developed.

The management of Suffolk Downs along with the NEHBPA, and their personal agenda, should not be allowed to simulcast so as to assist in defraying the expenses of "upkeep" on their property at the expense of the local horsemen who now have basically no "home base" to race. The simulcast contract authorized by the NEHBPA gives 100% of the simulcasting revenue to Suffolk Downs !! This is, to the best of my knowledge, an unheard agreement as far as horsemen and race track operators are concerned anywhere in the country. Why would any entity that represents their constituents give away the entire simulcasting revenue to track management and leave NOTHING to the horse people who have supported the racing program in the past and in the present unless there was some other personal agenda motivating the individuals who actually made the contract ?

The six day meet does absolutely nothing for the breeding program in Massachusetts. No one of proper mindset would breed mares and have them foal in Massachusetts so they can race the offspring over a six day period in 2016 or any subsequent year thereafter. A six day racing season, spread over three months means that a horse will race only three times in Massachusetts at Suffolk Downs because someone who races a horse on a Friday, for example, isn't going to turn around and race the horse the next day on Saturday therefore the six days would equal only three starts for the horse over a three month period ---- utterly ridiculous !!!!

In summation, I trust the Gaming Commission will make the proper judgement in this situation concerning the Suffolk Downs six day racing application. Track management should be required to race a full and realistic thoroughbred meeting - forty, fifty, or sixty days !! The Three Day Festival of Racing as well as the futuristic Six Day Festival of Racing should go the way of the dinosaur and should management balk at a legitimate race meet the simulcasting, all proceeds of which revert to management, should be immediately ended and the contract between the NEHBPA and Suffolk Downs should be declared invalid !!

I appreciate your time and concern pertaining to this matter. This is the manner in which I view the current situation ! Thank you !!

Sincerely,

Michael B. Sherr
Owner - Trainer - Breeder
902 CR 402
Westerlo, NY 12193
518-956-2587

Porche, Cecelia (MGC)

From: Patrick Vassallo <vassallo_pat@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, November 08, 2015 4:10 PM
To: MGCcomments (MGC)
Subject: Simulcasting Rights

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Flagged

Good afternoon. I would like to ask that the commission act in favor of the Commonwealth and Massachusetts horsemen and reject the request of Suffolk Downs for three weekends of racing. This action along with stopping them from simulcasting will begin the process of bringing new and vibrant opportunities to revitalize racing in Massachusetts. Six days of racing does nothing to help the horsemen or the Commonwealth, the only benefit will go to Suffolk downs and the NEHBPA. The money that is spent could do more good being held for when a true operator can take control and bring racing back to life.

If Suffolk is hurting so much why are they moving so slowly to dispose of this so called desirable property.

Please do not approve Suffolk's request and open the opportunity to groups that want to race a full meet but need the simulcasting rights to do so.

Thank you so much for your time.

Patrick J. Vassallo
Belchertown, Mass.

Porche, Cecelia (MGC)

From: MGC Website <website@massgaming.com>
Sent: Sunday, November 08, 2015 4:03 PM
To: MGCcomments (MGC)
Subject: Contact the Commissioner Form Submission

Name

Timothy Haire

Email

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Phone

(352) 875-2000

Subject

Suffolk Downs

Questions or Comments

To whom it may concern,i started off as a young boy growing up in a family of 5 sisters & 1 brother,my father basically liked Alcohol more than his family,i onnly saw him twice in my life,wanted nothing to do with him as wll as my Mom.Being small in Stature,i had a burning desire to be successful and help my family,by the time i was 17 i was riding races professionally,bought my Mom a home bfore i was 20 had a wonderful Mother who passed away from Melanoma cancer when i was 23,had a great riding career,Suffolk Downs was a great track back in the 70's & 80's,big crowds great ownership,Ogden Food Corp. when injured i worked hard to become a racing official,over the yrs.at several Major leauge tracks,went back to riding when i healed,alsoam a lic.Horse tr.Owner,breeder,please don't grant Suffolk Downs Simulcasting,and 6 days of racing,that would be so wrong,so many wonderful hard wor! king people have been on this roller coaster ride for yrs.I've seen so many die young from the stress of knowing they wouldnt have work,please help the people that deseve to be helped foronce, Thank you.

Porche, Cecelia (MGC)

From: hello <bodababie@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, November 08, 2015 3:57 PM
To: MGCcomments (MGC)
Subject: horse racing application

Commission ,I would like to ask the gaming commission to not grant any days for the fact that Bruce Patten of the HBPA said they knew all along that Suffolk in the changing of the law was never going to race more than 1 day so they could get simulcasting for the year .The NEHBPA lied to this commission for extensions to try to get race dates all last year while suffolk keep simulcasting and the horsemen got no percentage for that usage of there simulcast. Suffolk did not return a call from Stronach for weeks and then when the did acknowledged the call suffolk brushed it off. Stronach does not make casual calls. Thank You Paddy Reardon

Porche, Cecelia (MGC)

From: Erica Tuton <ericatuton@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, November 08, 2015 3:21 PM
To: MGCcomments (MGC)
Subject: 2016 Racing Applications

Dear MGC,

I fully support the NEHBPA! They have done an amazing job executing the great festival racing days! I look forward to seeing what they have in store for next year!!!

Thank you,

Erica Tuton

Long time fan and lover of all things equine Sent from my iPhone

Porche, Cecelia (MGC)

From: Maria Fontello <mariafont27@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, November 08, 2015 12:58 PM
To: MGCcomments (MGC)
Subject: "2016 Racing Applications"

I support the NEHBPA!

Porche, Cecelia (MGC)

From: Lisa <qtkirbys@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, November 08, 2015 11:04 AM
To: MGCcomments (MGC)
Subject: Racing dates Suffolk downs

To Whom It May Concern,
Racing at Suffolk downs should not be approved unless its for a minimum of fifty days.
Tim Kirby
Sent from my iPad

Porche, Cecelia (MGC)

From: m.ciampa1@verizon.net
Sent: Sunday, November 08, 2015 10:35 AM
To: MGCcomments (MGC)
Subject: Suffolk Downs

No Suffolk dates without a 50 day meet.

Porche, Cecelia (MGC)

From: 5085276878@mms.att.net
Sent: Sunday, November 08, 2015 9:58 AM
To: MGCcomments (MGC)

Suffolk downs should have to run more days to benifit more local people and help support the local horseman.the money that is being given away should benifit more people

Porche, Cecelia (MGC)

From: justforfun72 <justforfun72@comcast.net>
Sent: Sunday, November 08, 2015 9:49 AM
To: MGCcomments (MGC)
Subject: Suffolk downs should have to race enough days to help support the local horse industry. The money that is being used by suffolk downs to fund the few days of races could be used to support more race days to help benifit more local people.

Sent via the Samsung GALAXY S@4, an AT&T 4G LTE smartphone

Porche, Cecelia (MGC)

From: Shannon Brackett <murry9171@icloud.com>
Sent: Sunday, November 08, 2015 9:32 AM
To: MGCcomments (MGC)
Subject: Suffolk Downs

I've been at Suffolk Downs for over 30 years and I need a 50 day meet 3 to 6 days doesn't help me or my family. This 3 or 6 day meet allows the owner of Suffolk Downs to continue to capitalize from the horsemen and state and we are left without making a living.

Thank you
Shannon Brackett

Sent from my iPhone

Porche, Cecelia (MGC)

From: crrstable@verizon.net
Sent: Sunday, November 08, 2015 8:59 AM
To: MGCcomments (MGC)
Subject: 2016 Racing Applicaiton Comments

Importance: High

Commission and Chair

I wanted to bring to your attention because it seems to be an important statistic as of lately but the NEHBPA currently has 411 supporting members and 820 as Owners and Trainers for a total of 1,232 and continues to grow every week

The NEHBPA wants to see nothing more than more days of racing it's just how you go about it. We have one organization and a small group of individuals that both want the same thing unfortunately we are taking different paths to get there

We've requested to sit with the commission and share our plans for the future and how we plan on racing for more days but we have not received a response back at this time. I feel there is too much at stake with all the jobs and farms for our vision not to be heard. Again I will personally request a meeting to be held with the commission and members of the NEHBPA

Thank You
Paul Umbrello - NEHBPA
Charles River Racing Stable
781 771 7731

Porche, Cecelia (MGC)

From: Tom Frasca <tcfrasca@aol.com>
Sent: Sunday, November 08, 2015 8:17 AM
To: MGCcomments (MGC)
Subject: Suffolk Downs

Please, Please, NO Suffolk Downs dates without a 50 Day Meet, PLEASE!!!!

Porche, Cecelia (MGC)

From: Peter Martino <PMartino@revere.mec.edu>
Sent: Saturday, November 07, 2015 7:35 PM
To: MGCcomments (MGC)

no suffolk dates without a 50 day meet

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Porche, Cecelia (MGC)

From: hello <bodababie@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, November 07, 2015 3:21 PM
To: MGCcomments (MGC)
Subject: horse racing applications

Commission, last meeting we learned that the NEHBPA knew all along that Suffolk was not going to race more than one day to get simulcasting and that the law was changed for that reason only to benefit suffolk and the nehbpa to recieve a cash pay out from suffolk of \$750,000 that never went to help the horse men and another pay out from the RHDF with noting going to the horse men but paying themselves a years worth of wages for 3 days racing and hiring Lou Raffeto with knowing full well Suffolk was not going to have racing more than one day. This was stated by Bruce Pattern of the NEHBPA when the commission asked if they knew from the very start suffolk was only racing 1 day and changed the law for this very reason and not to have a healthy race industry in the Commonwealth as is state is your job by your mission statement. I ask you to revolk suffolk's application for racing and simulcasting for this very reason that it does nothing for the advancement of a healthy racing industry in the commonwealth as you must follow you mission statement that this state has entrusted to the commission to follow. Thank you Paddy Reardon

Porche, Cecelia (MGC)

From: curtis brown <francis32359@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, November 07, 2015 1:13 PM
To: MGCcomments (MGC)
Subject: 2016 racing applications

My name Curtis f Brown Jr. This is my personal thoughts about the nehbpa first I am a member and believe in the organization however, to only want to run 6 days next year is in my opinion not good. I can't see where it benefits the racing in new England it surely doesn't benefit myself and most owners and trainers to have 6 days of racing most of us (owner/ trainers) have low level race horses we don't have the horses that can compete in the races they offer with the larger purses it helps the people who ship their horses in from the bigger tracks who generally never ran horses at Suffolk downs in the past when there was 5 days of racing. It just pushes us aside and our horses.

I think and believe that we need to run a meet of no less than 100 days a year.

It's great to run for the big money if you have the horse to do so. It's a shame that some have no regard for the cheap claimers these horses need a place to run this is why there are so many thoroughbreds needing homes the places to run are becoming fewer .

When a trainer like myself has a couple of claimers to run I have to ship 6 hours to run.

Again,most of us need a place to run our horses it gives us a chance to make money with them in doing so it gives us a chance to upgrade our stock.

This is why I would like to see Suffolk run more than 6 days we need to either run a meet or just pack it up. I hope something will happen to keep the live racing surely there has to be a way to make it happen.

Thank you
Curtis brown
413-658-7235

Porche, Cecelia (MGC)

From: kathleen lacombe <bigmare57k@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, November 06, 2015 8:16 PM
To: MGCcomments (MGC)

Please don't allow Suffolk Downs to simulcast 6 days of racing is not a meet and it does no one like me any good I rely on races to make my living and 6 days does not work I own my own home in Massachusetts that I now can not even live in it's very sad please help bring Suffolk Downs horsemen home to Massachusetts

Porche, Cecelia (MGC)

From: Disco <discorico1@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, November 07, 2015 12:40 PM
To: MGCcomments (MGC)
Subject: NEHPBA

My family has been racing and breeding horses for over 55 years and my Father Alfred DiRico is the oldest Thoroughbred owner in Massachusetts. Furthermore our family has invested sizable amount of money in resent years ,breeding our mares in Massachusetts with the anticipation of a bright future . Now that Suffolk Downs isn't feasible NEHPA has done great job of trying to keep racing alive with out taking any short cuts. There vision is to find the land and build a new track that would be run as a nonprofit entity and managed by the horseman or NEHPA . Again I believe NEHPBA understand what it takes to keep the thoroughbred breeding and racing alive By using the gaming revenue to support quality racing and attacking new stables and owners . But unfortunately this new group called the THA that hangout on the backside that has reinvest very little in the game, could care less about improving racing and breeding are living in the past. NEHBPA consist people that really own and breed horses that want the best for the horseman and the future of Thoroughbred racing in Massachusetts Best Regards Joe DiRico ☐

Porche, Cecelia (MGC)

From: Frank Dullea <frankdullea@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, November 07, 2015 8:25 AM
To: MGCcomments (MGC)
Subject: I support New England H.B.P.A.

Sent from my iPhone

Porche, Cecelia (MGC)

From: Derek DePetrillo <ddepetrillo1@icloud.com>
Sent: Friday, November 06, 2015 6:53 PM
To: MGCcomments (MGC)
Subject: 2016 Racing Applications

To Whom It May Concern,

I would like you to know that I support the NEHBPA. I thought this years three day festival was very successful as evident by the large crowds and great racing.

I believe the three day festival only helped the local horseman and businesses (food trucks and all the jobs associated with it)

The HBPA (national horseman's association) and THA (Thoroughbred Horseman's association) are the only recognized board that represents the horseman

I have seen the plans and vision for the future of racing in New England and it does consist of more racing days this year and next are only a bridge to bring them into the future to run their own nonprofit race track owned and operated by the horseman

Best regards,

Derek DePetrillo
Phone 978-590-3787

Sent from my iPhone

Porche, Cecelia (MGC)

From: Judith Golditch <maisondemer@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, November 07, 2015 9:52 AM
To: MGCcomments (MGC)
Subject: RE: Suffolk Downs 6-DAY MEET!!

I am writing on behalf of the proposal that was submitted for a 6-day meet at Suffolk Downs for 2016. I was present at all the meetings regarding this subject all summer and through the fall. If my ears heard right, I heard the gaming commission tell Suffolk Downs over and over to not return back for the 2016 meet unless they were prepared to present the board with a substantial meet and to not put the gaming commission in this same spot, which basically crippled the entire Mass Thoroughbred Industry. This actually infuriates me that they have the arrogance to come back and defy everything that you asked them to do. I have always handled myself with professionalism and treat everybody with respect but I had to submit this email as I am very upset over this situation.

Thank you for your time

Judith Golditch
10 Bay View Drive
Swampscott, MA 01907

Porche, Cecelia (MGC)

From: edward cahir <edwardcahir@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, November 07, 2015 7:39 AM
To: MGCcomments (MGC)
Subject: Suffolk downs application

Please do not allow Suffolk Downs application for 6 days of racing next year. All this helps is Suffolk Downs and its quest to keep simulcasting.

Porche, Cecelia (MGC)

From: hello <bodababie@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, November 06, 2015 6:27 PM
To: MGCcomments (MGC)
Subject: Horse racing application

Jay Bernadinni vice president of the NEHBPA has stated to Commissioner Stebbines that Tim Ritvo said "Stronach Is interested in coming into MA to have a race track but will not make a move until Suffolk is out of racing by no longer simulcasting " those where the exact words. Bruce Pattern said that the HBPA knew about the 1 Day of racing Suffolk wanted from the very start and knew there would only be more days if the hbpa payed for them and still took hundreds of thousands of dollars for doing nothing for the horsemen . The MassTHA has a industry leader waiting to come in to MA to build a track and a future for our Massachusetts horsemen.Suffolk has repeatedly said they are out of racing and have come back with a 6 day festival when the were told by this commission not to come back without a viable plan for horse racing in the commonwealth ,they not only came back with the same plan they double down on it ! And for any horse person knows it is only 3 days to race your horse ,they can not race Saturday and then race Sunday they have to wait weeks to race that horse again so the 6 days is really 3 . I ask the commission not to grant any days for Suffolk Downs they are out of the business, and not to give them our simulcast so we can move on with anyone in the industry that want to race in this state. Thank You Paddy Reardon

Porche, Cecelia (MGC)

From: Frank Dullea <frankdullea@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, November 07, 2015 8:39 AM
To: MGCcomments (MGC)
Subject: I support N.E.H.B.A.

Sent from my iPhone

Porche, Cecelia (MGC)

From: Heather <hlsayce@hotmail.com>
Sent: Friday, November 06, 2015 9:16 PM
To: MGCcomments (MGC)
Subject: 2016 Racing Applications

Hello

I'm writing to express my feelings regarding the NEHBPA. My husband took my 4 year old daughter to the festival this September and I was so thrilled to hear how wonderful an experience they had. My daughter recently starting riding horses and loves to go to the track with her father. Sadly we live in NH with no live racing. Thankfully Suffolk downs isn't too far for us! We fully support the NE racing committee and would love to continue to bring my daughter and son to events.

Thanks
Heather Lewko
Sent from my iPhone

Porche, Cecelia (MGC)

From: Dave O'Shea <imspublishing@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, November 06, 2015 6:17 PM
To: MGCcomments (MGC)
Subject: HBPA

Please be informed that the organization that represents myself and fellow horsemen is the HBPA and that as a racehorse owner I duly support this group as it supports not just the future of thoroughbred racing in New England, but also the jobs, farms and many other entities that are associated with it.

Sincerely,

David O'Shea,
Thoroughbred Owner

Porche, Cecelia (MGC)

From: Shirley Dullea <shirleydullea@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, November 07, 2015 8:38 AM
To: MGCcomments (MGC)
Subject: Message

I support the Great Job The NEHBPA is doing

Sent from my iPhone

Porche, Cecelia (MGC)

From: Gina Palumbo <ginamariopalumbo@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, November 06, 2015 8:59 PM
To: MGCcomments (MGC)
Subject: 2016 Racing Submissions

I'm writing to respectfully ask that you allow the New England Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association (NEHBPA) to continue their success running horse racing events at Suffolk Downs beyond 2015.

I grew up at the track, as my family members (mom, dad, and uncles) were involved as owners, trainers, and a horse dentist. I've been to a lot of race meets, and I can honestly tell you that the 3 days ran by the NEHBPA this year were hands-down THE BEST I've attended. The crowds were strong, and the best thing I've seen was the number of younger people and families who attended. They made the event family-friendly, and are allowing those of us who live the sport to bring it to the younger generation. In addition, having food trucks there brought a hip vibe and supported some up and coming local businesses.

While we were there, the NEHBPA members showed us their plans for the new racing/show facility. I was blown away by the scope of their vision, and their unwavering commitment to the industry, most importantly including the responsible rehoming of retired racehorses. Their plans include facilities that will benefit all area residents, such as walking and riding trails. We need a site like this, as does the racing industry. The countless behind-the-scenes workers in the racing industry--all of the folks who keep the track looking beautiful and keep the horses safe--are counting on the continuation of their livelihood. Please help them. Please keep NEHBPA running the races at Suffolk Downs as they seek to expand to 6 days in the 2016 season. This is only the beginning.

Sincerely,
Gina Palumbo
(Medford, MA)

Sent from my iPhone

Porche, Cecelia (MGC)

From: Phil Dandrea <pc34dandrea@aol.com>
Sent: Friday, November 06, 2015 4:47 PM
To: MGCcomments (MGC)
Subject: support 2016 racing dates and HEHBPA

Categories: Green Category

Dear Sirs,

I wanted to send a note to voice my support for NEHBPA and the work they do in support of horses and their trainers, grooms, and people who care for them.

I particularly want to support the passage of additional racing dates at Suffolk Downs for 2016. I was able to make it out to the track this year for the special dates, and the turn-out, particularly October 31st was impressive (and on Halloween Day).

Considering not only the horsemen, but the track workers and vendors, the race dates are a good source providing employment opportunities.

Thank you,
Phil Dandrea

Porche, Cecelia (MGC)

From: horse2fast <horse2fast@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, November 06, 2015 3:57 PM
To: MGCcomments (MGC)
Subject: Thoroughbred racing

Categories: Green Category

To whom it may concern, I am a longstanding owner trainer and breeder I am vehemently opposed to 6 days of racing and simulcast rights to Suffolk Downs. Our industry and the people deserve more! This is our livelihood,NO to 6 days No to simulcasting without a live meet of at least 50 days!!! Thank you I'm confident the commission will do the right thing and protect our industry and our jobs

Sincerely,

Elena Storlazzi

Sent via the Samsung GALAXY S® 5, an AT&T 4G LTE smartphone

Porche, Cecelia (MGC)

From: Joe Lewko <jojoe777@hotmail.com>
Sent: Friday, November 06, 2015 1:42 PM
To: MGCcomments (MGC)
Subject: 2016 Racing Applications

Categories: Green Category

To whom it may concern at the Gammig Commission:

I am emailing in my support of the NEHBPA to be the recognized group to represent the horse men of New England.

I feel strongly their best interests are those of the horsemen, breeders, owners, and farms of New England. I have been a life long horse race fan and I am now currently an owner of a thoroughbred horse that I intend to race at Suffolk Downs or any other New England track should the future present one.

It is imperative that horse racing stay alive in New England and I feel that the NEHBPA is the best group to advocate for this.

Thank you,

Joe Lewko
28 Harris Rd.
Windham, NH 03087

Porche, Cecelia (MGC)

From: karcorkery1@gmail.com
Sent: Friday, November 06, 2015 3:49 PM
To: MGCcomments (MGC)
Subject: Re: Mass Thoroughbred racing and simulcasting

Categories: Green Category

To whom it may concern:

My name is Krystine O'Connor, Owner of Fairview Farms JJC in Brimfield Ma. We are a thoroughbred farm in western Massachusetts. We race, train, re home, lay up and even provide foaling services thoroughbreds. We do provide lessons and boarding but most of our business are these race horses. Our farm certainly has had more than our share of ups and downs. In 2011 we were visited by a tornado, this itself cause strain on the farm as there was no government relief available to us because were horses and horses are considered a hobby not a business. Now were also facing the repercussion of minimal racing in Massachusetts. Last year we sent horses out of state to continue racing but it just simply proved to be difficult and expensive. I have found that other tracks were not so welcoming as they know if there were racing in Massachusetts we would not be there. Our off season boarding is down, I understand trainers don't feel comfortable laying up a horse with nothing concrete locally for their future. I am hoping this all a temporary issue and I will continue in the meantime exploring the other aspects of out business.

I have attended every public meeting pertaining to racing in the Commonwealth. I do believe the MGC has gone above and beyond in trying to get something solid on that table for racing. I understand that even though many are quite emotional over the topic of racing; It is clear that nothing concrete has been placed on the table for voting other than Sterling Suffolk's request for minimal days. This puts the MGC in a very difficult position leaving no choice but to approve what is presented.

It just seems to me, and this is my opinion as I do not have any factual proof, Sterling Suffolk is only asking for minimal days to keep the simulcast as it is required of them to have at least 1 racing day each year. If we say no to Sterling Suffolk, I assume this will end the simulcast rights? Will this open it up for other proposals to be offered? When I think about a bigger picture, loss V.S. gain. I don't feel we would loose much this time around by denying the 6 race days. I would like to see the MGC explore this aspect. We have been hearing from the MTHA that offers will come if we pull simulcasting. Can we do this and see who comes forward? I just feel that we are at a stale mate. Obviously we all want to see a full meet in Massachusetts but, I do believe if we approve this we may just be doing this same argument year after year. I do not believe Sterling Suffolk is interested in doing anything more than what they have in play currently and they will continue to submit these minimal day proposals for as long as they keep getting approved.

Is it possible to contact the Stronach Group to inquire what their looking for in order to put an offer on the table. I was hoping to see a member of this organization come to a public hearing to speak to the board to discuss their proposition. What can the MGC do the secure something solid? I know this commission has been trying very hard to secure thoroughbred racing. I do appreciate all you have done thus far. I hope that this upcoming year we can move forward.

Sincerely

Krystine O'Connor

Porche, Cecelia (MGC)

From: jbertulli@comcast.net
Sent: Friday, November 06, 2015 3:03 PM
To: MGCcomments (MGC)
Subject: NEHBPA!

Categories: Green Category

As a longtime thoroughbred racing fan, there is only one group that should be recognized to represent the horseman and determine racing days for 2016 in Massachusetts.

There is only one, the NEHBPA.

Porche, Cecelia (MGC)

From: prcveda@aol.com
Sent: Friday, November 06, 2015 1:04 PM
To: MGCcomments (MGC)
Subject: 2016 Racing Applications

Categories: Green Category

Dear MGC,

I am writing to support the NEHBPA as the genuine voice of horsemen and women in Massachusetts. As a former thoroughbred owner and lifelong fan of racing, I urge you to support its application for racing in 2016. This year's three days of racing at Suffolk Downs was a huge success and brought needed revenue to many. It was a joy to see Mass. bred stakes races and other contests with decent purses which attracted high quality, competitive fields from out of state. Many trainers who at one time were stabled here at Suffolk returned for these 3 days of racing. I look forward to seeing them here once again for six days of great racing next year.

Yours truly,

Paul R Constantino, Esq.

Porche, Cecelia (MGC)

From: rosiensp@aol.com
Sent: Friday, November 06, 2015 2:02 PM
To: MGCcomments (MGC)
Subject: 2016 racing application

Categories: Green Category

Dear racing commission,
Please support the NEHBPA for there 6 day plan. This is in the best interest for QUALITY racing and the future plan for our own race track.

Thank you,
Warren Curtin
Thoroughbred owner

Sent from my iPad

Porche, Cecelia (MGC)

From: Carol <carolbearlady@hotmail.com>
Sent: Friday, November 06, 2015 12:25 PM
To: MGCcomments (MGC)
Subject: Support NEHBA

Categories: Green Category

Please support the NEHBA. They have done a great job with the 3 day racing festival. I have seen their plans for new track I'm very impressed! The new track would help out local horsemen, vendors in the area. It would be great for Mass racing! Thank you Carol DePetrillo

Sent from my iPhone

Porche, Cecelia (MGC)

From: Bryan Perla <bryanjperla@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, November 06, 2015 1:45 PM
To: MGCcomments (MGC)
Subject: 2016 Racing Applications

Categories: Green Category

Hello,

Suffolk Downs has been an extremely important and history place for the past 80 years. These past few days at Suffolk this year have been great to advertise and keep racing in New England. Racing is extremely important to the economy and culture of MA. I am fully in support of the NEHBPA organization and what they have done this past year at Suffolk. Just being able to race at Suffolk this year was a victory, but in the future Suffolk will be even more of a success due to NEHBPA. Massachusetts breeders, truck vendors, trainers, and owners will be effected in an extremely positive way if Suffolk is able to continue racing!

Thank You,
From all racing fans in New England

Porche, Cecelia (MGC)

From: Bill Hall <wjh@rahallco.com>
Sent: Friday, November 06, 2015 12:18 PM
To: MGCcomments (MGC)
Subject: 2016 racing

Categories: Green Category

Dear sirs/madams:

I am writing to inform you that I support the NEHBPA as representing racing in Massachusetts.

The vision of a non profit racing group is the right way for Massachusetts racing.

They have successfully put on 3 racing events in 2015 and appear to have the individuals directly involved best interests in mind.

Thank you.

Bill hall

Sent from my Verizon Wireless 4G LTE smartphone

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Porche, Cecelia (MGC)

From: Dick <dickbudrewicz@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, November 09, 2015 11:38 AM
To: MGCcomments (MGC)
Subject: No simulcast for Suffolk Downs

Sent from my iPhone

Porche, Cecelia (MGC)

From: emzo411@verizon.net
Sent: Monday, November 09, 2015 11:03 AM
To: MGCcomments (MGC)
Subject: Suffolk Downs

I have raced horses at Suffolk Downs for 20 years and would urge the Commission to not grant just 6 days of live racing to them as it does not benefit the majority of folks who race and work the various positions at the track. I hope and pray you will make the right decision for us.

Thank You,
Emmett Cadigan

Sent from my Verizon 4G LTE Tablet racing to

Porche, Cecelia (MGC)

From: Eddie <rightdef6@comcast.net>
Sent: Monday, November 09, 2015 10:06 AM
To: MGCcomments (MGC)
Subject: Racing date application

To whom it may concern: This is regarding Suffolk Downs application for Six days of racing for 2016. I worked in the business for over 30 years and there is no possible way the horse industry in our state can prosper with this proposal. If Suffolk doesn't want to run an extensive race meeting, then they should NOT be able to simulcast. It is extremely unfair to the horsemen. Please take thid under consideration when making your decision. Thank you,

Edward L. Smith
23 Catherine St.
Roslindale, Ma

Porche, Cecelia (MGC)

From: MGC Website <website@massgaming.com>
Sent: Monday, November 09, 2015 2:15 PM
To: MGCcomments (MGC)
Subject: Contact the Commissioner Form Submission

Name

paddy reardon

Email

bodababie@yahoo.com

Phone

(781) 336-3475

Subject

Horse race application

Questions or Comments

A stated by Bruce Pattern at the last meeting there was no need to add the 50 to the law change 1 to 50 for receiving 750,000 cash for they agreed with Suffolk to race only 1 day and they knew all year they would not have any chance to have Suffolk race anything more than that and thus lied to the Commission and to it's membership, and to the legislature. This injustice must not go on. I ask the Gaming Commission to deny Suffolk application for racing stating that it does not comply with the Mission Statement of the commission and the State of Massachusetts for advance of the racing industry and that lying to the commission will not be tolerated. Thank You Paddy Reardon

Porche, Cecelia (MGC)

From: MGC Website <website@massgaming.com>
Sent: Monday, November 09, 2015 2:44 PM
To: MGCcomments (MGC)
Subject: Contact the Commissioner Form Submission

Name

paddy reardon

Email

bodababie@yahoo.com

Phone

(781) 336-3475

Subject

horse racing application

Questions or Comments

I am asking the commission to deny the application for racing for suffolk downs as stated at the last meeting by Jay Bernadinni that Stronack will and wants to come into ma but not until Suffolk is no longer is simulcasting " jay said that Tim Ritvo said that to him when he was asked by Commission member Stebbins . The horse people want to navigate there own destiny and not sit by and watch our future go to other states and is quickly eroded. Thank You Paddy Reardon

Porche, Cecelia (MGC)

From: Lawrence Mason <lmason2121@aol.com>
Sent: Monday, November 09, 2015 1:35 PM
To: MGCcomments (MGC)
Subject: Racing Dates

This has turned out to be a nightmare! Horsemen held hostage from earning a living in this State from a Race Track that was passed over for a Casino!

Why is it that many applied for Casino and Slots License in this State and the only losing bid is using the Horsemen to get back at the MSGC? The only losing bid has turned this into a nightmare and putting up a 2 year old way of acting when they didn't get what they wanted! Stop the madness pull the simulcast signal from Suffolk Downs and move on to a alternative location!

As a long time member of the NEHBPA they turned on their own to save themselves! They believe the money in the RHDF belongs to them and they will do anything to keep it for themselves, including killing off the people they said they would represent!

Not too happy with the way the MSGC handled the Public hearing on Thursday. Waiting all day to watch a hearing open to the public and then pulling the signal in my eyes is not open and transparent!

The law with respect to RHDF says one must run the allotted days to use this fund! The trotters did and applied for more days in 2016. However, when it comes to Suffolk Downs they get a law changed for a simulcast right with alloyed days and the are given over a million for three days! This must stop! Not right for the trotters to follow the rules with a 25 percent share while my folks get 75 percent to fight every way not to run a full meet! I say flip the percentage till the race horse tracks and horsemen decide to play fair by the rules!

If you folks have any extra money the farms and horsemen that Suffolk Downs and the NEHBPA put out of business could use some help!

Lawrence

Sent from my iPhone

Porche, Cecelia (MGC)

From: James V D'Amelio <jvdamelio@verizon.net>
Sent: Monday, November 09, 2015 12:31 PM
To: MGCcomments (MGC)
Subject: Suffolk Downs

Please no simulcasting without 50 Racing dates..Thank-you James V D'Amelio..

Porche, Cecelia (MGC)

From: dianepfister@aol.com
Sent: Monday, November 09, 2015 3:49 PM
To: MGCcomments (MGC)
Subject: NO TO SUFFORK SIMULCASTING

To whom this may concern I have been in the thoroughbred business since 1974 I walked onto the backside of Churchill downs in the 8th grade and I never left,i have been to almost every state they have racing and I have been licenced as a hotwalker,groom, pony girl, exercise rider, asst, trainer ,trainer, owner,agent, clipping horses,equine therapy, shipping horses, blacksmith asst. its been the best 42 years of my life being a race tracker, I LOVE my job/career....I am completely against suffork downs simulcasting and not having live racing. if they don't have a live meet then they should have no rights to benefit on our money.this has taken a lot of jobs away from many people. thank you ..Diane Pfister...502-417-7223

Porche, Cecelia (MGC)

From: Archie & Julia Ricciardi <archie.julia@comcast.net>
Sent: Monday, November 09, 2015 3:42 PM
To: MGCcomments (MGC)
Subject: Mass Breds

I own two Mass Breds, which are on a farm without the means to get them ready for three days of racing.

They have five out-of-state racing for Mass Breds in New York

They ran the first on November 6, 2015 with only four horses. A purse of \$35,000 was dispersed among four recipients. This tells me the out-of-state racing isn't helping anymore than the three days of racing in Boston.

I hope this information adds to the vast amount you must have already. Three days or six days should not replace a needed full race meet.

The Horse Racing Industry in Massachusetts is not dead, but if you allow those who wish to kill it, succeed.

Sincerely,
Archie Ricciardi

Porche, Cecelia (MGC)

From: Driscoll, Elaine (MGC)
Sent: Monday, November 09, 2015 11:35 AM
To: Porche, Cecelia (MGC)
Subject: FW: horseman representation

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From: Sam [<mailto:sam.saccardo1@verizon.net>]
Sent: Friday, November 06, 2015 2:47 PM
To: Driscoll, Elaine (MGC)
Cc: anthonyspadea@braintreeins.com
Subject: horseman representation

I have been a member of the NEHBPA since 1972. The organization has well represented the interests of horse racing, breeding and other equine activities since its inception. I retired from Merrill Lynch after 36 years as a Managing Director, I was one of the partners in the group that reopened Suffolk Downs in 1992. I am a breeder in MA and NY and am presenting racing on the NYRA circuit. I am looking forward to ramping up my business when racing resumes in the commonwealth and I expect the NEHBPA to represent my interests. I'd rather race and breed in MA. I know many people associated with the splinter group. Their intentions are good but they are totally void of the knowledge or the business acumen needed to steer our project forward. This is a critical time for the horsemen. The NEHBPA is planting the seeds for a robust equine operation in the future. This new group wants to eat the seeds today.

Thank you for your consideration

Samuel Saccardo
15 Midland Road
Lynnfield, MA 01940

Porche, Cecelia (MGC)

From: Driscoll, Elaine (MGC)
Sent: Monday, November 09, 2015 11:35 AM
To: Porche, Cecelia (MGC)
Subject: FW: NEHBPA

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-----Original Message-----

From: John Assimakopoulos [<mailto:yasou33@aol.com>]
Sent: Friday, November 06, 2015 1:15 PM
To: Driscoll, Elaine (MGC)
Subject: NEHBPA

I'm sending this email in support of the NEHBPA. I have been involved in racing in New England for over 30 years as well as my father Charles Assimakopoulos. We invested our time, money and heart into the racing game. The NEHBPA has always been there to help. I myself served on the board for over six years and I can say from experience that we all worked very hard to help the horsemen and to try to better the racing product. As you know it's been a very difficult time for New England racing and I can tell you that this board has worked tirelessly. I would only hope you would only recognize the NEHBPA as the only group to speak for all us horsemen that love New England racing and want to come home and support it again.

Thank You,
John Assimakopoulos Sent from my iPhone

Porche, Cecelia (MGC)

From: Driscoll, Elaine (MGC)
Sent: Monday, November 09, 2015 11:35 AM
To: Porche, Cecelia (MGC)
Subject: FW: racing days

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-----Original Message-----

From: Alan Lockhart [<mailto:alockhart287@yahoo.com>]
Sent: Friday, November 06, 2015 12:57 PM
To: Driscoll, Elaine (MGC)
Subject: racing days

To Whom It May Concern,

I'm on the New England HBPA. I'm a third generation horsemen and want to see the industry survive and thrive in Massachusetts. I grew up in Swansea, graduated from Case High and got my finance degree from UMass-Dartmouth. I'm a homer in every sense of the word. Unfortunately, this past year when Suffolk didn't get the casino license it threw all of us into limbo. I ended up going to Finger Lakes this year as a result of not having a meet at Suffolk or anywhere else in the state. As of August I decided to get out of the business and pursue other personal goals.

I'm not for, nor against the MTHA. My belief is that both parties should be working in unison as we all want the same end result which is a meet long enough to support our businesses and our families. It's becoming a little petty in my opinion and all this infighting between horsemen will be the downfall of us all. I'm for whatever can make thoroughbred horse racing a sustainable industry in the Commonwealth.

Sincerely, Alan Lockhart

Porche, Cecelia (MGC)

From: Driscoll, Elaine (MGC)
Sent: Monday, November 09, 2015 11:36 AM
To: Porche, Cecelia (MGC)
Subject: FW:

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From: Armand [<mailto:ajanjigian@hotmail.com>]
Sent: Monday, November 09, 2015 8:46 AM
To: Driscoll, Elaine (MGC)
Subject:

Dear Ms Driscoll,

I am writing you as an owner and breeder of thoroughbreds in Massachusetts for the past thirty or so years. I also own the leading stallion standing in Mass. (Indian Ocean). I have also been a director on the board for the Mass breeders association for most of those years (re-elected again two weeks ago). I visited the Brockton Fairgrounds and met with Mr. Carney in reference to his proposal to host horse racing at his facility. There are many reasons that I believe that this facility could not be constructed in a satisfactory fashion in order to have a safe and reliable racing surface. The track is too short which results in extremely tight turns which would be hazardous, especially since the horses would be coming from tracks that are much larger and have sweeping turns resulting in far less stress on the horses. As much as I would like to see racing for at least 40 to 60 days each year, it is most important that the safety of the horses be considered, and I do not believe that facility in Brockton could be rebuilt to insure proper racing conditions. As such, I would not race my horses on a track that I felt was unsafe.

The HBPA is the true representative of the race horse community in our state. I believe their vision of a new track in our state is in everyone's best interest. Their agreement with Suffolk Downs to run a limited meet proved to be extremely successful, and I feel that continuing that venue for the next year or so is the best viable option.

I thank you in advance for considering my comments,

Sincerely,

Armand P.P. Janjigian
Black Rushin' Farm

Porche, Cecelia (MGC)

From: Driscoll, Elaine (MGC)
Sent: Monday, November 09, 2015 11:35 AM
To: Porche, Cecelia (MGC)
Subject: FW: 2016 Racing Applications

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From: ctrakas@aol.com [mailto:ctrakas@aol.com]
Sent: Friday, November 06, 2015 12:45 PM
To: Driscoll, Elaine (MGC)
Subject: Fwd: 2016 Racing Applications

Hello,
I am a horse owner at Suffolk Downs who has made a considerable financial investment in the sport as well as devoted an enormous amount of time and emotional effort and have always put my interests secondary to the horses and to the people who make a full time living at the sport.
The New England HBPA should be the only representatives of the local horse men and women. If this other group wishes to work with the HBPA in a helpful fashion, their efforts are welcome, but their negativity has produced nothing of value. Please see below.
Thank you for your kind consideration.
Chris Trakas
Milton, MA

-----Original Message-----
From: ctrakas <ctrakas@aol.com>
To: mgccomments <mgccomments@state.ma.us>
Sent: Fri, Nov 6, 2015 9:22 am
Subject: 2016 Racing Applications

Hello,
I am an 11 year plus horse owner and also a patron of Suffolk Downs going back to the 1980's.

Please support the New England HBPA as the representative of the local horsemen. They did get us three days of racing during this terrible time for local racing and have plans for more in 2016. It may have been short but it was something. They also have a plan for 2017 that could include much more racing at a new location.

This other group purporting to be a horsemen's organization is very vocal and seems adept at using social media, but they did nothing to help our cause. They promised a meet at Brockton Fair and it never even reached the planning stage. They told people that Great Barrington was a real possibility when it was a pipe dream at best, and nothing

happened. They came through with nothing but negativity and should not be recognized.

If this splinter group wants to work positively in conjunction with the HBPA and Suffolk and expand racing to Brockton and Great Barrington, more power to them. But the fact is we would have had no racing in 2015 with that group in charge. They are primarily interested in getting back at the owners of Suffolk Downs for their rash and hasty decision to close the track than to try to accomplish something positive.

I also want to point out that the vocal members of this group all happily participated in the Suffolk Racing Festival including its outspoken leader. Suffolk allowed them to participate and did not interfere with them.

The 3 day Festival benefitted my stable financially and more importantly gave people a much needed morale boost. It was a reunion for people, a time to remember better days, and a chance to have some hope. I wish the Gaming Commission had walked through the stable area and seen the reunions, the hugs, the smiles, and the nostalgic tears. It was a beautiful and emotional sight.

Next year's 6 day Festival will be better and I wish Suffolk ownership would do more and they could do more. The attendance averaged over 10,000 for each of these days and betting handle was way up over Saturdays in the recent past. There was also a noticeably younger fan demographic. Suffolk certainly made money on this Festival.

Suffolk's ownership group consists of two billionaires and two multi multi millionaires. They have been dealt a good hand in life and could easily put together a longer meet next year. Why not 6 racing Festival weekends consisting of 12 days, or each weekend from July to October so 20 or 30 racing days could happen. With purses supplied by the Racehorse Development Funds and with the incredibly loyal local fans and horse men and women making bets and buying food and beer and programs they certainly would make money.

This is something that the Commission could try to educate them on. It also should be pointed out that not one of the principal owners of Suffolk made an appearance at any of the three days of racing. Chip Tuttle to his credit did show up and was very cordial but none of the owners. That is also a major problem, the owners, with the exception of Mr. Fields, have no interest in the sport. They are real estate and casino investors. What would happen if John Henry and Bob Kraft never attended a Red Sox or Patriots game?

Thank you for reading this and please recognize the hard working HBPA and also please educate the very fortunate owners of Suffolk that the path for them to do more is there and many devoted working class people need them to follow the path.

Thank You,
Chris Trakas
Milton, MA

Sent from my iPhone

Porche, Cecelia (MGC)

From: Driscoll, Elaine (MGC)
Sent: Monday, November 09, 2015 11:35 AM
To: Porche, Cecelia (MGC)
Subject: FW: Thoroughbred Racing in Massachusetts

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From: Joel Logan [<mailto:joelklogan@yahoo.com>]
Sent: Saturday, November 07, 2015 7:29 PM
To: Driscoll, Elaine (MGC)
Subject: Thoroughbred Racing in Massachusetts

Dear Ms. Driscoll,

Thoroughbred horseracing has been in my family for 70 years and I have been an owner/breeder for almost 40 years
I have had the same trainer for the past 30 years and have invested several million \$ in purchasing, claiming and breeding of thoroughbred racehorses of which I most thoroughly enjoy. Having campaigned a midsize stable at Suffolk Downs NY and FL.
During this timeframe I have experienced all of the ups and downs of racing in Massachusetts which brings us to the crossroads of where we are today.
I can truly say I'm a proud member of the NEHBPA I say that due to the experience of its leadership in President Anthony Spadea Jr our executive director Bruce Pattern our current board of knowledgeable owners and trainers and Racing Consultant Louis Raffetto
All working in unison in trying to secure the future of quality racing in Massachusetts for all horseman.
I commend the Gaming Commission in allotting our three days of racing tailored with a festival atmosphere it could not have been a more successful safe day of racing for all horseman and over 10,000 people each day.
When there's a quality program of racing the people come out!
I am aware of a rival horseman's group which consists of a few trainer and owners of lower level horses who are presenting their plea to you for a far different direction of racing at perhaps a half mile track first off this would be catastrophic to the racehorse and surely unsafe for the riders of today a total misdirection of which the Racehorse Development Fund was intended for.
I truly hope that the Massachusetts Gaming Commission continues its support of the NEHBPA in their efforts to race in 2016 and the development of a new multi purpose Equine Center as well as continued enhancement of the Ma Thoroughbred Breeders Program.

Sincerely
Joel K Logan

Porche, Cecelia (MGC)

From: Driscoll, Elaine (MGC)
Sent: Monday, November 09, 2015 12:17 PM
To: Porche, Cecelia (MGC)
Subject: FW: 2016 Racing Application and NE HBPA

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Sent: Monday, November 09, 2015 12:16 PM
To: MGCcomments (MGC); Driscoll, Elaine (MGC)
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Porche, Cecelia (MGC)

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Sent: Monday, November 09, 2015 1:37 PM
To: MGCcomments (MGC); Driscoll, Elaine (MGC)
Subject: 2016 Racing Application Comments uploaded
Attachments: mgccomments.docx

Dear Commissioners and Ms. Driscoll,

I have already sent an email with my comments, but wanted to upload a letter for you as well.

I am looking forward to discussing matters of the future of horse racing with you soon.

Sincerely,

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Porche, Cecelia (MGC)

From: Lisa <qtkirbys@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, November 09, 2015 7:12 PM
To: MGCcomments (MGC)
Subject: Racing in Mass.

To the Gaming Commissioners,

I have been a licensed Owner, Trainer, and Breeder for over 30 yrs. in that time I have gotten to know a lot of people in racing around the country; all of them have asked me why Mass. Is only having 3 DAYS of live racing. They all think that it is foolish, one such person is Bill Boniface who won the Preakness stake and owns a breeding farm in Maryland; he can not figure out how 3 DAYS of racing would help anyone in Mass.? I urge you NOT to enable the present management at Suffolk Downs to run anything less than 50 days. They have had it all their way it's time to take the simulcast signal away, and let somebody else run a FULL MEET.

Thank you,

Tim Kirby

Sent from my iPad

Porche, Cecelia (MGC)

From: Lisa <qtkirbys@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, November 09, 2015 7:24 PM
To: MGCcomments (MGC)
Subject: Racing in Mass.

To whom it may concern,

My name is Tim Kirby, my father John Kirby helped start the Mass Breeders they now have a stake race named after him, as well as a stakes race named after one of his best horses African Prince. Between my Father and I, we have won almost every Mass Bread stake there is some more than once. As my Father thought me about the Breeding and Training of race horses, I would also like a chance to teach my 18 year old son at Our Farm in Dover Ma., we could sell the farm and I could give him (my son) Money, but I believe in the saying, " give a man a fish and he eats for a day" , " teach a man to fish and he eats forever" . If you you brining back a race meet of 50 or more days of Mass. Racing I would be able to do that. Without that I would not.

Thank you for your time and consideration, Tim Kirby Sent from my iPad

Porche, Cecelia (MGC)

From: Juan <jcvilla21@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 09, 2015 8:08 PM
To: MGCcomments (MGC)
Subject: Hi

not want to date, we want 50 days full time.

Sent from my iPhone

Porche, Cecelia (MGC)

From: Edgar Villanueva <redonic1990@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 09, 2015 8:12 PM
To: MGCcomments (MGC)
Subject: Horses races

We need full-time racing in 2016

Porche, Cecelia (MGC)

From: MGC Website <website@massgaming.com>
Sent: Monday, November 09, 2015 8:16 PM
To: MGCcomments (MGC)
Subject: Contact the Commissioner Form Submission

Name

ralph damelio

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(207) 289-8528

Subject

Horse racing

Questions or Comments

I am asking that you do not allow Suffolk Downs to run a 6 day meet. We need full time racing in mass and allowing Suffolk to run such a small meet will not allow us to have full time racing. I ask that suffolk does not get to keep the horsemens simulcast signal.

Thank you for your time.

Porche, Cecelia (MGC)

From: CW Benson II <cbensonqhs@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 10, 2015 9:09 AM
To: MGCcomments (MGC)
Subject: NEHBPA

Dear Massachusetts Gaming Commission,

I am writing as a taxpayer and as someone that would be a target demographic for the gaming industry to tell you I fully support the NEHBPA. I went to each of their the day festivals and I hope to see a 6 day plan for 2016. It was a great day for all the LOCAL and SMALL businesses involved, including the food trucks! This is the only organization that I feel truly is for the horseman himself not larger interests. I have seen their vision for the future and I strongly urge you to go accept their plans and work with them.

Thank you.
Christopher Benson

From: Louis Ciarlone [<mailto:lciarlone@ibew103.com>]

Sent: Tuesday, November 10, 2015 11:02 AM

To: MGCComments (MGC)

Cc: John Dumas; Michael E. Calder; Chip Tuttle (ctuttle@ctpboston.com); ashapiro@sandulligrace.com; anthonyspadea@braintreeins.com

Subject: Suffolk Downs License Application for 2016

Chairman Crosby, the Gaming Commission Members and Director Lightbown

Once again I appeal to you on behalf of the many workers at Suffolk Downs racetrack who face such an uncertain future. Without going through the history of how we got to this point, let me respectfully remind you of the individuals who rely on the employment at Suffolk Downs for their economic existence and that of their families.

IBEW Local 103 fully supports the Suffolk Downs application, and only that application, for the 2016 racing season. Nearly 35 full time workers that we represent and another 35 part time workers that we represent are dependent on the simulcasting that is tied to the live racing license and they need the Commission to take affirmative action on their behalf.

This union has used the time afforded us to help transition some of these workers to more secure and permanent employment. Many full time workers are dependent on Suffolk Downs employment for their health care benefits. Some former full time workers have been reduced to part time employment and have found other part time work to make ends meet. Still others are very close to retirement and need just another year or two to reach a qualifying age. This employment at Suffolk Downs, and the knowledge that it is most likely temporary, has allowed many of our members to transition to new jobs or to plan their future while continuing some employment at Suffolk Downs. The simulcasting has been a life-line to many of these workers as they turn a new page in their lives.

It is for the reasons listed above that we strongly support the current Suffolk Downs racing application for 2016 and ask that you rule favorably on that application.

Regards

Louis Ciarlone

Business Agent



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From: crrstable@verizon.net [mailto:crrstable@verizon.net]

Sent: Tuesday, November 10, 2015 11:00 AM

To: MGCcomments (MGC)

Subject: Re: 2016 Racing Applicaiton Comments

More updates before you vote on Thursday

Final stats from racing three days

Sept 5th Excluding Steeplechase races 70 of 88 horses had local ties that participated in 2014 or 80% for \$338,300 in purses

Oct 3rd 74 of 95 horses participated in 2014 or 78% for \$367,950

Oct 31st 83 of 99 horses participated or 84% for \$404,600 in purses

Grand Total 227 of 282 or 80% for \$1,110,850 of 1,563,700 or 71% Please correct me if I'm wrong but running for 100K a day last year that equates to 11 days of racing

Paul Umbrello

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From: atrimarchi747@gmail.com [mailto:atrimarchi747@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, November 10, 2015 12:18 PM
To: MGCcomments (MGC)
Subject:

No Suffolk dates without a 50 day meet.

Sent via the Samsung Galaxy Tab 2 10.1, an AT&T 4G LTE tablet

From: Susan [<mailto:sixben@comcast.net>]
Sent: Tuesday, November 10, 2015 1:18 PM
To: MGCcomments (MGC)
Subject: 2016 Racing Applications

Dear Gaming Commission,

I am writing in support of the NEHBPA. This years three day festival was extremely successful and next year's 6 day event will be even better. The festival helped to support local horseman and businesses (food trucks and all the jobs associated with it). On a national scale, between the HBPA (national horseman's association) and THA (Thoroughbred Horseman's association), we are the only recognized board that represents the horseman. I have seen the plans and vision for the future of racing in New England and it does consist of more racing days. This year and next year are only a bridge to bring us into the future to run our own nonprofit race track owned and operated by the horseman.

Sincerely,
Susan G. Benson
34 Coughlin Rd
North Easton, Ma 02356