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Public Notice of Emergency and Proposed E-Gaming Regulations for the Department of Finance

Notice of Intended Action: The Department of Finance proposes the following regulations pursuant to the Administrative Procedure Act, 1 CMC § 9104(a). If adopted, these regulations will become effective ten (10) days after publication of a Notice of Adoption in the Commonwealth Register. 1 CMC § 9105(b).

Emergency Adoption: The public interest in e-gaming requires the Department of Finance to adopt emergency regulations for the e-gaming industry pursuant to 1 CMC § 9104(b). The following emergency regulations shall be effective for 120 days from the date of publication.

Authority: These amendments are promulgated under the authority of 1 CMC § 2553, which lists the responsibilities of the Department of Finance; 1 CMC § 2557, which grants the Department the authority to adopt rules and regulations; and 4 CMC § 1503(a)(6), which grants the Department regulatory authority over the e-gaming industry.

Terms and Substance: These emergency and proposed regulations provide a regulatory scheme for electronic games, as authorized by Public Law 18-30.

Directions for Filing and Publication: These proposed amendments shall be published in the Commonwealth Register in the section on proposed and newly adopted regulations (1 CMC § 9102(a)(1)) and posted in convenient places in the civic center and in local government offices in each senatorial district, both in English and in the principal vernacular (1 CMC § 9104(a)(1)).

Comments: Interested parties may submit written comments on the proposed regulations to the Secretary of Finance, Ms. Larissa Larson, via U.S. mail to P.O. Box 5234, Saipan, MP 96950. Comments, data, views, or arguments are due within thirty (30) days from the date of publication of this notice. 1 CMC § 9104(a)(2).

Submitted by: _____ Date: 1/10/17

Ms. Larissa Larson, Secretary of Finance

Emergency Regulation Approved by;

_____ Date: 1/27/17

VICTOR B. HOCOG, ACTING GOVERNOR

Received by: _____ Date: 01/13/17

Ms. Shirley Camacho-Ogumoro

Special Assistant for Administration

Filed and Recorded by: _____ Date: 1.30.17

Ms. Esther SN. Nesbitt

Commonwealth Re ister

I certify, pursuant to 1 CMC § 2153(e) and 1 CMC § 9104(a)(3), t at I have reviewed and approved these re ulations as to form and le al sufficiency.

_____ Date: 1/30/17

Mr. Edward Manibusan

Attorney General

NORTHERN MARIANA ISLAND ADMINISTRATIVE CODE

TITLE 70

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE REGULATIONS

Regulation Title: Northern Mariana Island Administrative Code
Title 70 (Department of Finance)
Chapter 70-40 (Division of Revenue & Taxation)
Subchapter 40.8 Electronic Gaming Regulation

The Following subchapter shall be added to Title 70; Chapter 70-40; Subchapter 70-40.8:

CHAPTER 70-40.8
ELECTRONIC GAMING REGULATIONS

Part 001 General Provision

Section 70-40.8-001- Authority
Authority for promulgation and issuance of this part is derived from the Commonwealth Code, including but not limited to, 1 CMC §§ 2553 (Department of Finance duties and responsibilities); 2557 (authority to adopt regulations regarding matters within the Department of Finance's jurisdiction and to provide both civil and criminal penalties for violations); 4 CMC § 1901 (authority to adopt regulations for tax administration); 9101-9115 (procedure for adoption of regulations under the Commonwealth Administrative Procedure Act); 4 CMC § 1503(h); and 4 CMC § 1503(a)(6) (regulatory authority for electronic gaming machines).

Section 70-40.8-005- Purpose and Scope
The purpose of these regulations is to provide structure for the implementation of Public Law 18-30, the "Tourism Entertainment and Destination Act of 2013" (TEDE Act). Public Law 18-30 exempts electronic games from the definition of "gambling device" if the electronic game is properly licensed. These regulations shall apply to use, purchase, supply or operation of any electronic games,

Section 70-40.8-010- Definitions
(a) **"Electronic Game"** means any electronic gaming machine or electronic table game device (including poker, roulette, baccarat, blackjack, craps, big wheel, slot machines, paigow, and sic bo; and any variations or composites of such) used for the purpose of playing a game traditionally played at tables, and includes any electronic device through which bets may be played on a game played at a table. Electronic Game includes a computer or server and any related hardware, software or other devices that are used to conduct gaming, either as a fully

automated version or as a semi-automated version where the collection of bets and payout of winnings are automated.

(b) **"Person"** means any natural person or business entity.

(c) **"Hotel"** means any resort-type establishment that may only be operated within the Third Senatorial District which is in an enclosed area or resort premises having: (i) 100 or more sleeping rooms or (ii) has fewer than 100 sleeping rooms but not less than 50 sleeping rooms so long as the hotel is attached to a golf course. This definition of "hotel" only applies to this Section 70-40.8 et seq.

Section 70-40.8-015- Criminal Penalties
Public Law 18-30 provides a limited exemption for Electronic Games from the prohibition of gambling in the Commonwealth. A person who uses, purchases, supplies, or operates electronic games in a manner that is not in compliance with these regulations does not fall under the limited exemption and will be subject to criminal penalties under 6 CMC §3159.

Section 70-40.8-020- Violation of Regulations as Grounds for Imposition of Civil Fines and Suspension of Licenses
Any person violating these regulations shall be subject to a fine of $250.00 for a first violation, $500.00 for a second violation, and $1,000.00 for a third or subsequent violation. Each day the licensee is in violation of the regulations shall constitute a separate violation. Violations by a licensee of these regulations shall serve as the basis for immediate revocation of the associated license(s).

Section 70-40.8-025- Age Limit
No person under the age of 18 years of age may play an Electronic Game. It shall be the duty of an operator of Electronic Games to take steps necessary to enforce this prohibition. An operator's failure to enforce this age limitation shall constitute a violation of these regulations and shall be subject to the criminal and civil penalties provided under these regulations.

Part 100 Electronic Game Licensing

Section 70-40.8-101 Electronic Game License
To fall within the limited gambling exemption under Public law 18-30, an Electronic Game must be duly licensed as provided in these regulations. An Electronic Game License provides the licensee authority to operate the specific Electronic Game as identified in the license for a one-year period from the date of issuance. Applications for an Electronic Game License shall be in the manner and form required by the Secretary of Finance from time to time.

Section 70-40.8-105- Electronic Game Licensing Requirements

Applications for issuance of an electronic Game License are limited to parties who have a valid Commonwealth Electronic Game Site Operator's License. Electronic Games submitted for licensing must comply with all applicable standards and be supplied by a Commonwealth Licensed Electronic Game Supplier.

Section 70-40.8-110- Issuance of Electronic Game License Certification
Upon issuance of an Electronic Game License by the Commonwealth, a certificate of license shall be issued by the Commonwealth and placed on the front of the Electronic Game. The licensee is responsible for ensuring that the certificate remains on the Electronic Game throughout the term of the license. The license applies only to the specific Electronic Game tested and approved by the Commonwealth and is not transferable. The license certificate shall not be moved, covered, or altered. A fine up to $5,000 shall be imposed on any party violating these requirements, and shall be basis for suspension and or revocation of any associated license(s).

Section 70-40.8-115- Limits on Number and Placement of Electronic Games
The Secretary of Finance may issue up to one thousand Electronic Game Licenses annually. No more than 100 Electronic Games Licenses may be issued for a single Electronic Game Facility.

Section 70-40.8-120- Electronic Game Licensing Fees
(a) The annual licensing fee for each Electronic Game used in the Commonwealth shall be $2,500 per year (paid at time of issuance of the license) (the "Base Fee") or fifteen percent of the individual machine's net gaming proceeds (the "Supplemental Fee"), whichever is greater). ("Electronic Game License Fee"). For purposes of calculation of net gaming proceeds, losses may only offset profits earned in the same calendar month from the same machine. In the event that a machine's net gaming proceeds exceed $16,666.67 in any license year, the Licensee shall remit the Supplemental Fee on or before the fifteenth day of the subsequent month.
(b) The "Net Gaming Proceeds" means the total amount of all credits or cash played in an individual electronic Game minus the credits paid out directly by the same Electronic Game.
(c) An Electronic Game Operator must submit a written monthly report to the Department of Finance. The report shall provide details of the net gaming proceeds for each licensed Electronic Game and shall be submitted by the 5th day of the following month.

Section 70-40.8-125- Transfer of Electronic Gaming License Fees to Commonwealth
(a) The fees owed to the Commonwealth for Electronic Gaming Licenses shall be electronically transferred to the Commonwealth no later than 9 a.m. of the fifteenth day of the month following when they are earned.
(b) Electronic Gaming Licensing fees shall be paid by check or electronic funds transfer. Failure to timely deposit the fees will be grounds for imposition of a penalty pursuant to Section 70-40.8-020.

Section 70-40.8-130- Electronic Game Standards
Only Electronic Games that comply with all standards as identified in Commonwealth regulations shall be licensed. Electronic Games must comply with the most current applicable standards as established by Gaming Laboratories International ("GLI") including, but not limited to GLI 23 or GLI 24, or with the most current applicable standards set by SIQ Gaming Laboratories, and maintain these and all other applicable standards at all times.

Section 70-40.8-135- Communications Protocol
All Electronic Game Site Operators and Electronic Games used in the Commonwealth must include and maintain a slot accounting system ("SAS") that complies with GLI Standard 13 version 2.1 or higher (i.e., more recent) and monitors all gaming activity and allows unlimited remote access per Commonwealth requirement.

Section 70-40.8-140- Manufacturing Date
No Electronic Games in the Commonwealth may have a manufacturing date before January 1, 2006. The term "manufacturing date" is defined as the date that the Electronic Game was initially assembled by the original manufacturer and must maintain all original manufacturing parts or parts approved by the original manufacturer.

Section 70-40.8-145- Testing of Electronic Games
All Electronic Games proposed for use, sale, licensing, or distribution in the Commonwealth shall be tested by the Secretary of Finance or designee to ensure compliance with all applicable standards ("Electronic Game Testing"). All cost for testing of Electronic Games shall be in addition to any license fees and shall be borne by the Applicant and shall be paid in full prior of test results or issuance of an Electronic Game License.

Section 70-40.8-150- Return on Wagers
All Electronic Games in the Commonwealth must provide a return on wagers of between eighty-eight percent (88%) to ninety-seven percent (97%) ("Return on Wager") and be reflected as such in certification, verification, and testing of the Electronic Game by the Commonwealth at all times. Once the Return on Wagers is established for a specific Electronic Game and certified by the Commonwealth it must be maintained at all times until authorized in writing and subject to further certification to be changed. The Return on Wagers for each Electronic Game must be prominently displayed using one inch lettering on the front of any Electronic Game licensed by the Commonwealth for use in Electronic Gaming Activity.

Section 70-40.8-155- Maintenance of Electronic Game Standards
All Electronic Games in the Commonwealth must continuously comply with all standards established in these regulations. All Electronic Games shall be subject to continuous electronic

monitoring and random testing by the Commonwealth to ensure continuing compliance with GLI Standards. Any Electronic Game that fails to maintain constant compliance with GLI and Commonwealth standards shall have the associated Electronic Gaming License immediately suspended and removed from use. Any violation of this requirement may result a penalty pursuant to Section 70-40.8-020.

Part 200 – Electronic Game Site Operator and Electronic Game Supplier Licensing

Section 70-40.8-201- Electronic Game Site Operator
The term "Electronic Game Site Operator" is defined as a party who has been issued a license by the Commonwealth to operate "Electronic Gaming Activity" that complies with Commonwealth requirements ("Electronic Game Site Requirements").

Section 70-40.8-205- Electronic Game Site Operator License
All electronic Game Site Operators must be licensed by the Commonwealth. In order to provide an adequate base for support of Electronic Game Sites and to allow for proper monitoring of this activity, only ten or fewer electronic Game Site Licenses will be in effect at any given time. An Electronic Game Site Operator License shall be valid for a five (5) year period with annual reviews. The purpose of the annual review will be to evaluate the Electronic Game Site Operators compliance with all terms and conditions of the Electronic Game Site Operator License.

In order to promote competition and the establishment of a viable Electronic Game activity, no person may have a significant interest in more than two Electronic Game Sites. As used in this regulation, the term "significant interest" means any form of ownership, control, consulting contract, officer, director, agent interest, or lease arrangement. All significant interests of any Electronic Game Site Operator must be fully disclosed in the application documents. Any violation of this requirement or undisclosed interests will result in a penalty pursuant to Section 70-40.8-020.

Section 70-40.8-210- Selection of Electronic Game Site Operator Licensees
(a) Award of the ten Electronic Game Site Operator Licensees shall be through the use of a public application process in order to determine which proposals ("Proposals") would be in the best interest of the Commonwealth. Applicants for a license as Electronic Game Site Operator shall complete all required forms requested by the Commonwealth and provide the following information, without limitation:

(1) The applicant's legal names, addresses, employer identification or social security numbers (if applicable or alternatively, if not applicable, passport numbers) and dates of birth (if applicable) of its directors, officers, partners, owners, and Electronic Game Site operator employees.
(2) A description of the applicant's organizational structure and a copy of current organizational documents and any subsequent amendments.

(3) With respect to any entities named in subparagraph (1) that are not individuals, the names, addresses, social security numbers, and birth dates of all individuals who are directors, officers, owners, partners, key employees, or Electronic Game operations employees of any such entity.
(4) The percentages of shares of stocks, if any, held by each person named in subparagraph (1) or subparagraph (3) above.
(5) The names of all persons principally involved in the original creation of the Applicant's entity.
(6) The names, if any, and addresses, social security numbers, and dates of birth of any person who is or was a director, officer, owner, partner, employee of the Applicant who has been charged with or convicted of a felony, a crime involving gambling, dishonesty, or moral turpitude.
(7) Certified copies of the applicant's charter, articles of incorporation, partnership agreement, and other documents which constitute or explain the legal organization of applicant.
(8) Copies of the applicant's Commonwealth or United States tax returns for the three (3) most immediate previous fiscal years.
(9) Copies of the declaration pages of all insurance policies insuring the applicant.
(10) Disclosure regarding the applicant or any other persons identified in subparagraphs (1) and (3) who were rejected for any gambling or gaming license or permit in any other jurisdiction.
(11) Current tax clearance (issued within 30 days of date of application) from the Commonwealth Department of Revenue & Taxation.
(12) Any and all other information as the Commonwealth may require to determine the competence, honesty and integrity of the applicant.
(13) Authorized disclosure and release forms;
(14) Identification of all gaming experience;
(15) Proposed insurances and bonds;

(b) Proposal submissions to the Commonwealth by or on behalf of the applicant for purposes of determining the qualifications of the applicants or agent, shall be sworn to or affirmed before a notary public. If any form or document is signed by an attorney for the applicant, the signature shall certify that the attorney has read the forms or documents and that, to the best of his or her knowledge, information and belief, based on diligent inquiry, the contents of the forms or documents so supplied are true.

(c) Upon request of the Commonwealth, the applicant shall supplement the information provided in the application form as deemed necessary by the Commonwealth.

(d) The applicant shall furnish all information, including financial date and documents, certifications, consents, waivers, individual history forms, tax returns, cancelled checks or other materials required by the Commonwealth for purposes of determining the qualifications of the applicant or agent.

(e) To the extent, if any, that the information supplied in the application or otherwise supplied by the applicant or on the applicant's behalf, becomes inaccurate or incomplete, the applicant shall so notify the Commonwealth in writing as soon as it is aware that the information is inaccurate or incomplete, and shall at that time supply the information necessary to correct the inaccuracy or incompleteness of the information.

(f) The applicant shall cooperate fully with the Commonwealth and its representatives or agents with respect to its background investigation of the applicant. Among other things, the applicant, upon request, shall make available any and all of its books or records for inspection by the Commonwealth or its representatives.

(g) Proposers shall pay for all costs associated with proposal review and shall deposit an initial amount of five thousand dollars ($5,000) as deposit ("Deposit") at time of submission of the proposal for these expenses at time of submission of the application which the Commonwealth may draw upon as required. The Commonwealth shall provide Applicant with monthly report on all expenses charged against the Deposit. If expenses exceed the amount of Deposit, Applicant will be required to reimburse the Commonwealth for these additional expenses. Any balance of the Deposit shall be returned to the applicant.

(h) The applicant must provide specific details on the proposed site. The information that must be provided regarding the proposed site includes the following:

(1) conceptual design;
(2) Gaming credentials and past experience of licensed architect or engineer that will design facility and stamp plans so as to assure that they meet or exceed most current gaming facility design standards.
(3) gaming machine layout;
(4) cashier areas;
(5) security issues;
(6) customer amenities;
(7) description of fixtures and finishes;
(8) HVAC and electrical considerations;
(9) Lighting;
(10) Electrical services;
(11) Video monitoring system;
(12) Fixtures and finishes;
(13) Parking;
(14) Compliance with applicable building and safety codes;
(15) Proof that the site is considered a "hotel" as defined in Section 70-40.8-010(c);
(16) Integration of central control requirements; and
(17) Fixture replacement program.

(i) The Proposed Business Plan shall describe the plan of operation for the proposed Gaming Facility Site including discussion of the following issues:

(1) Identification of proposed site
(2) Gaming facility acoustics
(3) Smoking areas
(4) Electronic Game repair and storage area
(5) Secure counting room
(6) Electronic cashier services
(7) Fire protection
(8) Emergency power
(9) Lighting
(10) Flooring
(11) Documentation of site control
(12) Cashier services plan

(13) Electronic game repair and maintenance services plan
(14) Video monitoring plan
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(24) Gaming Site Management Structure
(25) Time schedule for implementation
(26) Proposed staffing
(27) Facility maintenance and replacement plan

Section 70-40.8-215- Duties of Electronic Game Site Operator

The duties of an Electronic Game Site Operator in the Commonwealth are as follows:

(a) Compliance with all laws and regulations of the Commonwealth and the United States and particularly the requirements associated with Electronic Gaming in the Commonwealth.

(b) Compliance with proposed elements as established in the license issued by the Commonwealth.

(c) Maintenance of proper conduct at Gaming Site consistent with the promotion of gaming.

(d) Provision of adequate maintenance of gaming facility to meet the highest standard of appearance and repair so as to promote continuous growth of tourism related gaming in the Commonwealth.

(e) Provision of adequate security at the Gaming Facility so as to ensure patron protection, security of all gaming funds, promotion of gaming, public trust and integrity of gaming activity.

(f) Dutiful compliance with required payments to the Commonwealth.

(g) Provision of financial security acceptable to the commonwealth.

(h) Exceptional customer services.

(i) Continued annual growth of gaming as measured by net gaming proceeds.

(j) Control of costs so as to maintain viability of gaming operations.

(k) Take required steps to prevent tampering or unauthorized access to Electronic Games.

(l) Only permit authorized individuals to access Electronic Games.

(m) Adequate supervision and control of staff so as to ensure proper licensing, protection of integrity of gaming activities, and promotion of tourism related gaming.

(n) Continuous operational capacity of at least 95% of all licensed Electronic Games located at the Electronic Game Site and available for public use twenty-four hours a day, three hundred and sixty-five days per calendar year.

(o) The licensee shall at all times make its premises available for inspection by authorized representatives of the Commonwealth or the Commonwealth personnel, on a 24-hour unannounced basis.

(p) Commonwealth agents shall be authorized entry to the premises and access to any electronic gaming machines or records of the agent..

(q) The licensee shall consent in writing to the examination of all records and, upon request of the Commonwealth, shall authorize all third parties in possession or control of the said documents to allow the commonwealth to examine such documents.
(r) To the extent permitted by law, a licensee accepts all risks of adverse public notice, embarrassment, criticism, damages, or financial loss which may result from any disclosure or publication of material or information supplied to the Commonwealth in connection with the license application.
(s) A licensee shall immediately notify the Commonwealth of any proposed or effective change regarding the makeup of its owners, directors, officers, partners, or employees of the contractor.
(t) A licensee shall certify by a sworn notarized statement that it has not entered and does not intend to enter into any joint venture, partnership, independent contractor or teaming agreement in order to fulfill its obligations in connection with electronic gaming operations and that it has not entered and does not intent to enter into any agreement where under the proceeds generated by any agreement between the agent and the Commonwealth would be shared with one or more other persons.
(u) No license granted may be transferred, assigned or pledged as collateral.
(v) No change of ownership or control of a license that occurs after the Commonwealth has issued a license shall be allowed without prior consent of the Commonwealth.
(w) Electronic Gaming Operator, Officers, Directors and employees are prohibited from participating in electronic gaming wagering in any form or manner.

Section 70-40.8-220- Electronic Game Site Operator License Fee
(a) The annual licensing fee for an Electronic Game Site Operator shall be a minimum of one hundred thousand dollars ($100,000) ("Minimum Fee") or one percent of net winnings ("1% License Fee"), whichever is greater. Payment of the Minimum Fee shall be payable in full at time of granting of the license.
(b) Once total annual net gaming proceeds of the associated site exceed ten million dollars ($10,000,000) the 1% License Fee shall be due and payable to the Commonwealth on any net gaming proceeds that exceed this amount and shall be paid monthly at 8 a.m. on the first day of the month following the month in which it is earned and in a manner that is full compliance with Commonwealth directives.
(c) Violation of this section is punishable by a penalty pursuant to Section 70-40.8-020.

Section 70-40.8-225- Electronic Game Supplier License
Specified equipment used in Electronic Gaming in the Commonwealth may only be imported into the Commonwealth by a Commonwealth licensed Electronic Game Supplier and offered for sale, lease, or use by an Electronic Game Site Operator.
(a) Applicants for a license as Electronic Game Supplier shall complete all required forms requested by the Commonwealth and provide the following information, without limitation:
(1) The applicant's legal names, addresses, employer identification or Social Security numbers (if applicable or alternatively, if not applicable, passport numbers) and dates of birth (if applicable) of its directors, officers, partners, owners, and Electronic Game Site operator employees.

(2) A description of the applicant's organizational structure and a copy of current organizational documents and any subsequent amendments.
(3) With respect to any entities named in subparagraph (1) that are not individuals, the names, addresses, Social Security numbers, and birth dates of all individuals who are directors, officers, owners, partners, key employees, or Electronic Game operations employees of any such entity.
(4) The percentages of shares of stocks, if any, held by each person named in subparagraph (1) or subparagraph (3) above.
(5) The names of all person principally involved in the original creation of the Applicant's entity.
(6) The names, if any, and addresses, social security numbers, and dates of birth of any person who is or was a director, officer, owner, partner, employee of the Applicant who has been charged with or convicted of a felony, a crime involving gambling, dishonesty, or moral turpitude.
(7) Certified copies of the applicant's charter, articles of incorporation, partnership agreement, and other documents which constitute or explain the legal organization of applicant.
(8) Copies of the applicant's Commonwealth or United States tax returns for the three (3) most immediate previous fiscal years.
(9) Copies of the declaration pages of all insurance policies insuring the applicant.
(10) Disclosure regarding the applicant or any other persons identified in subparagraphs (1) and (3) who were rejected for any gambling or gaming license or permit in any other jurisdiction.
(11) Disclosure regarding the applicant or any other persons identified in subparagraph (1) and (3) who were rejected for any gambling or gaming license or permit in any other jurisdiction.
(12) Current tax clearance (issued within 30 days of date of application) from the Commonwealth Department of Revenue & Taxation.
(13) Any and all other information as the Commonwealth may require to determine the competence, honesty and integrity of the applicant.
(14) Authorized disclosure and release forms.
(15) Proposed insurances and bonds.
(16) Identification of all gaming experience including the identification of the following:
(i) History of gaming activity in the past ten years;
(ii) Sites where applicant is currently conducting gaming activities;
(iii) Types of game hardware and software currently in use;
(17) Proposed Business Plan identifying the following:
(i) Proposed gaming hardware and software and associated equipment;
(ii) Communications protocol;
(iii) Compliance with GLI or SIQ standards;
(iv) Proposed supplier;
(v) Sites where equipment is currently being issued;
(vi) Date of manufacture of proposed Electronic Games;
(vii) Game maintenance systems and staffing; and
(viii) Promotion of gaming growth;

(b) The application, as well as other documents submitted to the Commonwealth by or on behalf of the applicant for purposes of determining qualifications of the applicant or agent, shall be sworn to or affirmed before a notary public. If any form or document is signed by an attorney for the applicant, the signature shall certify that the attorney has read the forms or documents and that, to the best of his or her knowledge, information and belief, based on diligent inquiry, the contents of the form or documents so supplied are true.
(c) Upon request of the Commonwealth, the applicant shall supplement the information provided in the application form as deemed necessary by the Commonwealth.
(d) The applicant shall furnish all information, including financial date and documents, certifications, consents, waivers, individual history forms, tax returns, cancelled checks or other materials required by the Commonwealth for purposes of determining the qualifications of the applicant or agent.
(e) To the extent, if any, that the information supplied in the application or otherwise supplied by the applicant or on the applicant's behalf, becomes inaccurate or incomplete, the applicant shall so notify the Commonwealth in writing as soon as it is aware that the information is inaccurate or incomplete, and shall at that time supply the information necessary to correct the inaccuracy or incompleteness of the information.
(f) The applicant shall cooperate fully with the Commonwealth and its representatives or agents with respect to its background investigation of the applicant. Among other things, the applicant, upon request, shall make available any and all of its books or records for inspection by the Commonwealth or its representatives.
(g) Applicant shall pay for all costs associated with License application and shall deposit an initial amount of two thousand dollars ($2,000) as deposit ("Deposit") for these expenses at time of submission of the application which the Commonwealth may draw upon as required. The Commonwealth shall provide Applicant with monthly report on all expenses charged against the Deposit. If expenses exceed the amount of Deposit, Applicant will be required to reimburse the Commonwealth for these additional expenses. Upon issuance of license or denial, any balance of the Deposit shall be returned to the Applicant.

Section 70-40.8-230- Sale of Electronic Game Equipment
(a) Specified equipment ("Specified Electronic Game Equipment") used in association with Electronic Gaming in the Commonwealth may only imported by and offered for sale, lease, or use by an Electronic Game Supplier licensed to Commonwealth Licensed Electronic Game Site Operators or a licensed Electronic Game Site Operator for exclusive use in his licensed facility.
(b) Importation of Electronic Games by parties who are not licensed by the Commonwealth as an Electronic Game Supplier or an Electronic Game Site Operator (as limited herein) is a violation of these regulations and is punishable by a penalty pursuant to Section 70-40.8-020.

Section 70-40.8-235- Electronic Gaming Site Operator and Electronic Game Supplier License Application Review
(a) Upon determination by the Commonwealth that the application is complete, it shall, as a as practicable, undertake and complete background investigation of the Electronic Gaming Site Operator and Electronic Game Supplier License applicant ("Applicant") and report its finding.

(b) The Commonwealth shall weigh the following factors in the evaluation of the application:

(1) The criminal background, if any, of the Applicant, or any of its officers, directors, partners, owners, and employees. No license shall be issued to any person who has, within the ten years prior to the filing of the application, been convicted of any felony, any crime of moral turpitude, any crime involving gambling, or any crime of dishonesty.

(2) The extent to which, if any, the Applicant would be subject to the control or influence of its activities by any person having financial interest pertaining to the applicant, including a mortgage or other lien against property of the Applicant or, who in the opinion of the Commonwealth, might otherwise influence its activities. In such case the Commonwealth shall consider the character, honesty and integrity of whoever has the ability to control or influence the activities of the applicant.

(3) The degree to which the Applicant has demonstrated its ability to finance the proposed operations, as well as the source of such financing.

(4) The degree to which the Applicant has supplied accurate and complete information pursuant to the requirements of these regulations.

(5) Whether the Applicant has demonstrated the business ability and experience necessary to satisfactorily conduct the Electronic Game operations.

(6) The extent to which the Applicant has cooperated with the Commonwealth in connection with the background investigation.

(7) Whether the person, or any of its officers, directors, partners, owners, key employees, or employees are known to associated with persons of nefarious backgrounds or disreputable character such that association could adversely affect the general credibility, security, integrity, honesty, fairness or reputation of Commonwealth Electronic Gaming.

(8) With respect to any past conduct which may adversely reflect upon the Applicant, the nature of conduct, the time that has passed since the conduct, the frequency of the conduct and any extenuating circumstances that affect or reduce the impact of the conduct or otherwise reflect upon the Applicant's fitness for the license.

(9) The extent, if any, to which the Applicant has failed to comply with any applicable tax laws of the United States, Commonwealth or other government or agencies.

(10) Any other information before the Commonwealth, including substantially similar background investigations performed by other agencies or jurisdictions, which relates to the applicant's competency, financial capacity, honesty, integrity, reputation, habits, or association.

(11) The proposed Business Plan.

(12) The proposed Electronic Gaming Site Facility Design (limited to Electronic Game Site Operator applicants).

(13) Proposed insurances and bonds.

(b) A license shall be issued to the applicant if the Commonwealth is satisfied, upon consideration of the factors specified herein that the applicant would be a fit licensee and not pose a threat to the public interest or the effective control of electronic games in the Commonwealth.

Part 300- Electronic Game Employee Licensing

Section 70-40.8-301- Electronic Game Site Operator and Electronic Game supplier Employee License Requirements

(a) Only employees of an Electronic Game Operator Employee or Electronic Game Supplier who have been licensed and authorized to perform specified Electronic Game Services may perform the functions specified herein.

(b) The following services of an electronic Game Supplier or electronic Game Site Operator are limited to individuals licensed as an "Electronic Game Technician" or "Electronic Game Technician Manager".

(1) Access to the internal area of an Electronic Game;
(2) Performance of maintenance or repair of an Electronic Game;
(3) Movement of an electronic Game;
(4) Testing of an Electronic Game;
(5) Management of services of Electronic Game Technician;
(6) Repair or maintenance of change machines or cashless gaming systems;

(c) The following services are limited to employees of an electronic Game Site Operator who are licensed as an "Electronic Game Cashier" or "Electronic Game Cashier Manager":

(1) Handling of Electronic Game funds;
(2) Providing change, money exchange, or cashier services to Electronic Gaming Patrons;

(d) The employer of individuals licensed as an Electronic Game Cashier or Electronic Game Cashier Manager must provide a $100,000 bond payable to the Commonwealth upon any claim for willful or negligence performance of duties.

(e) The following services are limited to employees of an Electronic Game Supplier who are licensed as an "Electronic Game Supplier Agent:"Act as representative or agent of an Electronic Game Supplier.

(f) The following services of an Electronic Game Supplier or Electronic Game Site Operator are limited to individuals licensed as an "Electronic Game Site Manager" or "Electronic Game Supplier Manager":

(1) Management of Electronic Game Technicians and Electronic Game Technician Manager;
(2) Management of Electronic Game Site Operator Cashier;
(3) Management of Electronic Game Supplier Agents.

Section 70-40.8-305- Electronic Game Site and Electronic Game Supplier Employee License Application

(a) Persons holding the following positions must obtain licenses from the Commonwealth:

(1) Electronic Game Technician;
(2) Electronic Game Technician Manager;
(3) Electronic Game Cashier;
(4) Electronic Game Cashier Manager;
(5) Electronic Game Supplier Agent;
(6) Electronic Game Supplier Agent Manager;
(7) Electronic Game Site Manager.

(b) Applicants for a license described in subsection (a) shall submit applications on a form prescribed by the Secretary of Finance. This form shall contain the following information, without limitation:

(1) Name;
(2) Physical and mailing address of residence, and map to physical address;
(3) Copy of Driver's License or Passport;
(4) Last two years of income tax returns;
(5) Telephone number;
(6) E-mail address;
(7) Any previous name used;
(8) Arrest record;
(9) Identification of any prior criminal convictions;
(10) Educational level;
(11) Any creditor or bankruptcy proceedings;
(12) Current tax clearance (issued within 30 days of date of application) from Commonwealth Division of Revenue & Taxation;
(13) Fingerprints;
(14) Employment history;
(15) Authorized disclosure and release forms; and
(16) Identification of all gaming experience.

(c) Upon request of the Commonwealth, the applicant shall supplement the information provided in the application form as deemed necessary. The applicant shall furnish all information, including financial data and documents, certifications, consents, waivers, individual history forms, tax returns, or other materials required or requested by the Commonwealth for purposes of determining the qualifications of the Applicant.

(d) To the extent, if any, that the information supplied in the application or otherwise supplied by the applicant or on the applicant's behalf, becomes inaccurate or incomplete, and shall at that time supply the information necessary to correct the inaccuracy or incompleteness of the information.

(d) The applicant shall cooperate fully with the commonwealth and representatives with respect to its background investigation of the applicant.

(e) Applicant shall pay for all costs associated with License application and shall deposit an initial amount of two hundred dollars ($200) as deposit ("Deposit") for these expenses at time of submission of the application which the Commonwealth may draw upon as required. If expenses exceed the amount of Deposit, Applicant will be required to reimburse the Commonwealth for these additional expenses. Upon issuance of license or denial, any balance of the Deposit shall be returned to the Applicant.

Section 70-40.8-310- Electronic Game Employee License application Review

(a) As soon as the Commonwealth has determined that the Electronic Gaming Employee's application is complete, it shall, as soon as practicable, undertake and complete the background investigation of the Applicant and report its findings.

(b) The Commonwealth shall weigh the following factors in his or her evaluation of the application:

(1) The criminal background, if any, of the Applicant. No license shall be issued to any person who has, within the ten years prior to the filing of the application, been convicted of any felony, any crime of moral turpitude, any crime involving gambling, or any crime of dishonesty.(2) The extent to which, if any, the Applicant would be subject to the control or influence of its activities by any person having financial interest pertaining to the applicant, including a mortgage or other lien against property of the Applicant or, who in the opinion of the Commonwealth, might otherwise influence its activities. In such case the Commonwealth shall consider the character, honesty and integrity of whoever has the ability to control or influence the activities of the applicant. In such case the Commonwealth shall consider the character, honesty and integrity of whoever has the ability to control or influence the activities of the applicant.

(3) The degree to which the Applicant has supplied accurate and complete information pursuant to the requirements of these regulations.

(4) The extent to which the Applicant has cooperated with the Commonwealth in connection with the background investigation.

(5) Whether the applicant is known to associate with persons of nefarious backgrounds or disreputable character such that association could adversely affect the general credibility, security, integrity, honesty, fairness or reputation of the Electronic Game Site.

(6) With respect to any past conduct which may adversely reflect upon the Applicant, the nature of conduct, the time that has passed since the conduct, the frequency of the conduct and any extenuating circumstances that affect or reduce the impact of the conduct or otherwise reflect upon the Applicant's fitness for the license.

(7) The extent, if any, to which the Applicant has failed to comply with any applicable tax laws of the United States, Commonwealth or other governments.

(8) Any other information before the commonwealth, including substantially similar background investigations performed by other agencies or jurisdictions, which relates to the Applicant's competency, financial capacity, honesty, integrity, reputation, habits, or association.

(c) A license shall be issued to the Applicant if the Commonwealth is satisfied, upon consideration of the factors specified that the Applicant would be a fit licensee and not pose a threat to the public interest, the reputation of the Electronic Gaming Site, or the effective control of the Electronic Gaming Site.

(d) The Commonwealth will communicate the results of suitability in writing regarding an employee to the Electronic Gaming Site Operator or Electronic Game Supplier sponsoring said individual.

(e) Access to criminal background check records, and letters of reference accompanying out-of- state criminal background checks, and determinations of suitability of applicants shall be limited to the Commonwealth and designated personnel.

Section 70-40.8-315- Electronic Gaming Employee License Conditions

(a) All Electronic Gaming employees must possess a currently valid Electronic Gaming Employee License to perform any of the specified duties or functions.

(b) Licenses are valid for a two year period from date of issuance.

(c) Employee must comply with Commonwealth laws and regulations.

(d) Employees must limit their duties to the specific job duties associated with their job description and activity limits associated with their Electronic Game contractor employer.
(e) Employees may not engage in unauthorized activity associated with the electronic game machines.
(f) Employees must update license information to reflect any changes that occur during the year.
(g) Electronic Game Operator Employees are prohibited from participating in electronic game wagering in any form or manner.
(h) Electronic Game Operator Employees must wear license in prominent display on front of shirt area at all times during hours of employment.
(i) Every license issued by the Commonwealth shall bear thereon the distinguishing number assigned to the licensee and shall contain the name and photograph of the license. The license shall also contain the name of the sponsoring employer.
(j) The Electronic Game Employee License is the property of the Commonwealth. The license shall be returned to the Commonwealth if it is suspended, expires, or upon termination of employment.

Section 70-40.8-320- Denial of License
(a) If a determination is made to deny a license, the person or entity shall have an opportunity to appeal for reconsideration as identified herein.
(b) Appeal shall be initiated by a party notified that he/she is being denied a license pursuant to the Electronic Gaming Regulations by submitting a request for a hearing to the Commonwealth within ten working days of the receipt of the written notice.
(c) The purpose of the hearing is for the Commonwealth to present reasons for license revocation and opportunity to licensee to refute asserted reasons for revocation or denial and present reasons why the license should not be denied.
(d) If an Applicant desires a hearing, he shall provide the Commonwealth with a written statement within ten days of receipt of the notice of denial which contains the following:

(1) A clear and concise assignment of each error which the applicant alleges to have been committed in the tentative determination to deny the license. Each assignment of error should be listed in a separately numbered paragraph.
(2) A clear and concise statement of the facts on which the applicant relies in support of each assignment of error.
(3) A prayer setting forth the relief sought.
(4) The signature of the Applicant verifying that the statements contained in the statement are true.

(e) The appellant shall be given the right to be heard within the thirty (30) working days of the receipt of the letter of appeal, unless extenuating circumstances require a longer period.
(f) A written decision shall be rendered by within thirty (30) working days of the hearing unless extenuating circumstances require a longer period. All decisions made under this appeal procedure are final.
(g) The hearing will be conducted by a hearing officer who shall establish appropriate rules and procedures.
(h) The parties will be allowed to present relevant evidence.

(i) A recording of the hearing will be made and retained for one year period from date of hearing.
(j) A person determined to be unsuitable for licensure pursuant to these Regulations shall be prohibited from reapplying for licensure for a period of twelve (12) months.
(k) Decisions of the hearing officer may be appealed to the Commonwealth Superior Court pursuant to 1 CMC § 9113.

Section 70-40.8-325- License suspension and Revocation
(a) The license of an Electronic Game Site Operator; Electronic Game Supplier; or Electronic Game Employee ("licensee") may be suspended or revoked for the following reasons:

(1) Failure to file with the Commonwealth the information required pursuant these regulations; and

(2) For cause, such as, but not limited to falsifying any application for license or report to the Commonwealth; failure to report information required by the regulations; the material violation of the regulations; or any conduct by the licensee, or any of its owners, officers, directors, partners, key employees, or electronic Game operations employees, which undermines the public confidence in the Electronic Game system or serves the interest of organized gambling or crime and criminals in any manner.

(3) A license may be revoked for an unintentional violation of any Federal, or Commonwealth law or regulation provided that the violation is not cured within a reasonable time as determined by the Commonwealth, or a longer period where the Electronic Game agent has made diligent efforts to cure. For purposes of this provision, the licensee is deemed to be familiar with all the provisions of these regulations and unintentional violations shall not include violations which the licensee assert are unintentional because of lack of awareness of these regulations. Likewise, for purposes of this provision, diligent efforts to cure shall not constitute a defense to a suspension or revocation of the license arising out of reasons identified above or in situations where the violation would not have occurred had the licensee exercised diligent efforts to comply with the requirements when they were first applicable.

(b) Prior to the revocation or suspension of any license, the Commonwealth shall notify the licensee of the intended revocation or suspension of the license, and the reasons therefore. No revocation or suspension shall be effective until final order is issued pursuant to the following procedure, except when the public welfare clearly requires emergency action and the Commonwealth's order so states. The notice of the intended revocation or suspension shall afford the licensee with an opportunity for a hearing.
(c) If the licensee desires a hearing, it shall provide the Commonwealth with a written statement within ten days of receipt of the notice which contains the following:

(1) A clear and concise assignment of each error which the licensee alleges to have been committed in the tentative determination to suspend or revoke the license. Each assignment of error should be listed in a separately numbered paragraph.

(2) A clear and concise statement of the facts on which the licensee relies in support of each assignment of error.

(3) A prayer setting forth the relief sought.

(4) The signature of the licensee or an officer authorized to request the hearing.

(5) A verification by the licensee or counsel for the licensee that the statements contained in the statement are true.

(d) The Commonwealth shall appoint a hearing officer within a reasonable time of receipt of the statement referenced in the preceding paragraph. Notice of the hearing shall be given at least 20 days before the date it is to be held.

(e) The licensee may appear individually, by legal counsel, or by any other duly authorized representative. In the absence of the licensee, written evidence of representative's authority shall be presented to the hearing officer in a form satisfactory to the hearing officer.

(f) The licensee or his duly authorized representative, may, with the approval of a hearing officer, waive the hearing and agree to submit the case decision on the record, with or without a written brief. Such a waiver or agreement shall be in writing and placed in the record.

(g) The licensee shall be given an opportunity for argument within the time limits fixed by the hearing officer following submission of the evidence. The hearing officer, upon the request of the licensee, may accept briefs in lieu of argument. The briefs shall be filed within ten days after the hearing date or within such other time as fixed by the hearing officer.

(h) The hearing officer may admit any relevant evidence, except that it shall observe the rules of privilege recognized by law. The hearing officer may exclude any evidence which is irrelevant, unduly repetitious, or lacking a substantial probative effect.

(i) A record shall be made of all hearings and all witnesses shall be sworn and subject to cross examination.

(j) Following the conclusion of the hearing and within ten days of the receipt of the transcript thereof, or within such time as fixed by the hearing officer but in no event later than forty-five days following the hearing, the hearing officer shall prepare a final decision, including his or her findings of fact and conclusions of law, and the order signed by the hearing officer shall be final. A copy of said order shall be served upon the licensee and any attorney of record in person or by registered or certified mail.

Part 400- Electronic Gaming Operation

Section 70-40.8-401- Central Monitoring of Electronic Gaming Activity

(a) All Electronic Games used in the Commonwealth shall be subject to continuous monitoring by a centralized accounting system that complies with GLI Standard 13 version 2.1 ("Centralized Monitoring System") or the SIQ equivalent. The Commonwealth shall be permitted to have unlimited remote access to this system at all times per requirements of the Commonwealth.

(b) Any Electronic Game that fails to maintain proper communications with the implemented Centralized Monitoring System may have the associated Electronic Gaming License suspended and immediately removed from service by the Commonwealth. Violations of this section are punishable by a penalty pursuant to Section 70-40.8-020.

Section 70-40.8-405- Central Monitoring of Electronic Gaming User Fees

[Reserved]

Section 70-40.8-410- Video Surveillance Requirements
Electronic Game Site Operators are required to install and maintain a video surveillance system that continuously monitors and records every Electronic Game on the premises and all cashier areas ("Video Surveillance System"). The Video Surveillance System must meet standards set forth at Exhibit A to ensure financial security of funds, maintain security in the gaming site, prevent unauthorized tampering with Electronic Games and provide a record of activities ("Recordings"). The recordings shall be kept for a ninety-day (90) period and available to the Commonwealth for their needs. The Video surveillance system shall provide the Secretary of Finance with the access to a connection for real time monitoring of all Electronic Gaming activity.

Section 70-40.8-415- Unauthorized Access to Electronic Games
Electronic Game Site Operators shall develop and implement written procedures for limiting access to Electronic Games. These requirements shall permit limited access to patrons for usual game functions, but strictly monitor and prohibit any attempt by anyone to tamper with an Electronic Game or have internal access to Electronic Games. No one shall have access to the inside of an Electronic Game unless licensed by the Commonwealth to do so and duly authorized by that license. Individuals licensed by the Commonwealth as Cashiers shall have limited authority to access revenue collection areas of the Electronic Games. Individuals licensed by the Commonwealth as Electronic Game Technicians shall have limited access to the internal area of an Electronic Game. Violations of these restrictions may result in fines up to $5,000 per occurrence and shall be grounds for suspension of an Electronic Game Site Operator license.

Section 70-40.8-420- Cashless System
At the Electronic Game Site Operator's option, Electronic Gaming activity may use a "cashless system" as defined and according to standards established in GLI standard GLI 16 or any SIQ equivalent. A "cashless system" is one in which patrons to play electronic games through the use of magnetic strip player card which accesses a player's account at host system at the gaming establishment ("Host") as described in GLI 16.

Section 70-40.8-425- Kiosks
Commonwealth Electronic Game Site Operators may use patron interface units ("Kiosks") as defined and according to standards established by Gaming Laboratories International Standard GLI-20 or any SIQ equivalent. The services that may be offered by these Kiosks are limited to issuance of payments as interfaced with Electronic Games; bill breaking, promotional point redemption, and information reporting.

Section 70-40.8-430- Progressive Gaming System
Electronic gaming in the Commonwealth can include the use of Progressive Gaming. The term "Progressive Gaming System" refers to a system in which an increasing winning pool in which multiple electronic game devices are linked at one Electronic Gaming Site (i.e., single site) are linked to a common increasing winning pool. Any Progressive Gaming system must comply

with GLI standard GLI-12 for a Multiple Gaming Device (Linked) Progressive or any SIQ equivalent.

Section 70-40.8-435- Promotional Systems
Electronic Gaming activity in the Commonwealth may include promotional systems as defined in GLI Standard GLI-18 and according to the standards contained therein or any SIQ equivalent. As defined, "Promotional Systems" are gaming devices that are configures to participate electronically communicated promotional award payments from a host system and the host system controls the promotional award issuance parameters. Promotional awards entitle players to special awards based on patron paly activity.

Section 70-40.8-440- Bonus Systems
Electronic Gaming in the Commonwealth may include Bonus Systems as defined per the requirements of GLI Standards GLI-17 or any SIQ equivalent. "Bonus Systems" are comprised of gaming devices that are configured to participate in electronically communicated bonus award payments from a host system.

Exhibit A- Video Surveillance Requirements

Nutisian Pupbliku Nu I Nisisidåt Yan I Manmaproponi Na Regulasion i E-Gaming Siha Para I Dipåttamenton I Finansiåt

NUTISIA PUT I AKSION NI MA'INTENSIONA: I Dipåttamenton i Finansiåt manunaproponi i tinattiyi na regulasion siha sigun i Åktun Administrative Procedures, 1 CMC § 9104(a). Komu ma'adåpta, esti siha na regulasion ifektibu gi hålom dies (10) dihas dispues di pupblikasion nu i Nutisian i Adåptasion gi hålom i Rehistran Commonwealth. (1 CMC § 9105(b))

NISISIDÅT NA ADÅPTASION: I intires i pupbliku nu i e-gaming madimånda na i Dipåttamenton i Finansiåt para u adåpta i manprisisu na regulasion siha para i industrian i e-gaming sigun para 1 CMC § 9104(b). I tinattitiyi na manprisisu na regulasion siha debi na ifektibu gi 120 dihas ginen i fetcha ni mapupblika.

ÅTURIDÅT: Esti na amendasion siha para u macho'gui gi papa' i aturidåt i 1 CMC § 2553, ayu i manunalista i risponsibilidåt nu i Dipåttamenton i Finansiåt; 1 CMC § 2557, ni manå'i i Dipåttamentu aturidåt ni para u ma'adåpta i areklamentu yan regulasion siha yan i 4 CMC § 1503(a)(6), ni mu nånå'i i Dipåttamentu i regulatory para i e-gaming industry.

I TEMA YAN SUSTÅNSIAN I PALÅBRA SIHA: Esti na nisisidåt yan regulasion siha ni manmaproponi ha pribeni regulatory scheme para i electronic games, ni manma'aturisa ginen i Lai Pupbliku 18-30.

DIREKSION PARA U MAPO'LU YAN MAPUPBLIKA: Esti i manmaproponi na amendasion siha debi na u mapupblika gi hålom i Rehistran i Commonwealth gi hålom i seksiona ni maproponi yan ñuebu na ma'adåpta na regulasion siha (1 CMC § 9102(a)(1) yan u mapega gi hålom i kumbinienti na lugåt siha gi Ufisinan Atkåtdi yan gi hålom ufisinan gubietnamentu siha gi hålom distritun senadot, parehu Englis yan gi lingguåhin natibu (1 CMC § 9104(a)(1)).

UPIÑON SIHA: I manintirisåo na petsona siha siña manahålum tinigi' upiñon siha gi manmaproponi na regulasion siha para i Sekritårian i Finansiåt, Larrisa Larson, via U.S. mail para P.O. Box 5234, Saipan, MP 96950. I upiñon, data, views, pat agumentu siha nisisita u fanhalum trenta (30) dihas ni tinattitiyi gi fetchan kalendåriu gi pupblikasion nu esti na nutisia. 1 CMC 9104(a)(2)

Nina'hålum as: _____ 1/10/17
Larrisa Larson — Fetcha
Sekritårian I Finansiåt

I Nisisidåt na Regulasion Inaprueba ginen as;

_____ 1/27/17
VICTOR B. HOCOG — Fetcha
KUENTAN GUBIETNU

Rinisibi as: _____ 01/13/17
Shirley P. Camacho-Ogumoro — Fetcha
Ispisiåt Na Ayudånti Para Atministrasion

Pine'lo yan
Ninota as: _____ 1.30.17
Esther SN. Nesbitt — Fetcha
Rehistran Commonwealth

Hu settifikao, sigun para 1 CMC § 2153(e) yan 1 CMC 9104(a)(3), na hu ribisa yan aprueba esti regulasion siha para u fa'tinas yan ligåt na sufisienti.

_____ 1/30/17
Edward Manibusan — Fetcha
Abugådu Heneråt

Arongorongol Toulap reel Ghitipwotch me Pommwol Mwóghutughutúl E-gaming reel Depattamentol Finance

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Llól Ghitipwotch Igha Re Adóptááli: E impotanti ngáliir toulap reel e-gaming igha re tipáli bwe Depattamentol Finance rebwe adóptááli mwóghutughut kkal llól ghitipwotch ngáli e-gaming industry sángl 1 CMC § 9104(b). Mwóghutughut kka llól ghitlpwotch ebwe bwungló llól ebwughúw mw ruweigh ráál sángi ráálil akkatééwowul.

Bwángil: Liiwel kkal nge aa ffil reel ffééríl faal bwángil 1 CMC § 2553, iye e bwáálo bwe bwángil Depattamentol Finance; sángi 1 CMC § 2557, e ngáleey bwángiir Depattamento bwe rebwe adóptááli allégh me mwóghutughut; me 4 CMC § 1503(a)(6), iye e bwal ngáleey bwángiir Depatamento reel e-gaming industry.

Kkapasal me Óutol: Pommwol mwóghutughut me ghitipwotch kkal nge ebwe aghatchú faraghil me lemelemil electronic gaming, igha e ayoora bwángiir sángi Public Law 18-30.

Afal reel Ammwelil me Akkatééwowul: Pommwol liiwel kkal nge ebwe akkatééwow llól Commonwealth Register llól tálil pommwol me ffél mwóghutughut (1 CMC § 9102(a)(1)) me ebwe apaschetá llól civic center me llól bwulasiyolgobetnamento llól senatorial district, fengál reel kkasal English me mwáliyaasch (1 CMC § 9104(a)(1)).

Fóós: Schóó kka re mwuschel rebwe isiislong mángemáng reel pommwol mwóghutughut kkal rebwe isiis ngáli Larrisa Larson, Sekkretóriyal Finance, ngáli féléfél iye P.O. Box 5234, Saipan, MP 96950. Isiislongol mángemáng, data, views, me angiingi ebwe toolong llól eliigh (30) ráál mwiril aal akkatééwow arongorong yeel. 1 CMC § 9104(a)(2).

Isáliyalong: _____ Ráál: 1/10/17

Ms. Larrisa Larson, Sekkretóriyal Finance

Mwóghutughutúl Ghitipwoich e Átirow merel:

_____ Ráál: 1/27/17

VICTOR B. HOCOG

Bwughiyal: _____ Ráál: 01/13/17

Shirley P. Camacho-Ogumoro

Special Assistant ngáli Administration

Ammwelil: _____ Ráál: 1.30.17

Esther SN. Nesbitt

Commonwealth Register

I alúghúlúgh, sángi 1 CMC § 2153 (e) me 1 CMC § 9104(a)(3), bwe I ya takkal amwuri fischiiy me aa átirow mwóghutughut kkal bwe aa ffil reel ffééról me legal sufficiency.

_____ Ráál: 1/30/17

Mr. Edward Manibusan

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Public Notice of Emergency and Proposed Health Insurance Regulations of the Department of Finance

Notice of Intended Action: The Department of Finance proposes the following regulations pursuant to the Administrative Procedure Act, 1 CMC § 9104(a). If adopted, these regulations will become effective ten days after publication of a Notice of Adoption in the Commonwealth Register. 1 CMC § 9105(b).

Emergency Adoption: The public interest in providing health insurance to the employees of the Commonwealth requires the Department of Finance to adopt emergency regulations for the purchase of election-related goods and services pursuant to 1 CMC § 9104(b). The following emergency regulations shall be effective for 120 days from the date of signature by the Governor. The Department of Finance proposed to adopt these emergency regulations immediately because the emergency regulations will delete portions of the regulations that appear to conflict with each other and would make insurance of government employees impossible.

Authority: These amendments are promulgated under the authority of 1 CMC § 8421, which authorizes the Department to administer the Government Life and Health Insurance Programs, and 1 CMC § 2557, which grants the Department the authority to adopt rules and regulations.

Terms and Substance: These emergency and proposed regulations specify that the government's share of employee health insurance premiums is not capped at fifty percent.

Directions for Filing and Publication: These proposed amendments shall be published in the Commonwealth Register in the section on proposed and newly adopted regulations (1 CMC § 9102(a)(1)) and posted in convenient places in the civic center and in local government offices in each senatorial district, both in English and in the principal vernacular (1 CMC § 9104(a)(1)).

Comments: Interested parties may submit written comments on the proposed regulations to Larissa Larson, Secretary of Finance, via U.S. mail to PO Box 5234, Saipan, MP 96950. Comments, data, views, or arguments are due within 30 days from the date of publication of this notice. 1 CMC § 9104(a)(2).

Submitted by: _____ Date: 11/28/16

Larrisa Larson, Secretary of Finance

Emergency Regulation Approved by:

_____ Date: 1/9/17

Ralph DLG. Torres, Governor

Received by: _____ Date: 01/04/17

Shirley Camacho-Ogumoro

Special Assistant for Administration

Filed and Recorded by: _____ Date: 1.24.17

Esther SN. Nesbitt

Commonwealth Register

I certify, pursuant to 1 CMC § 2153(e) and 1 CMC § 9104(a)(3), that I have reviewed and approved these regulations as to form and legal sufficiency.

_____ Date: 1/24/17

Edward Manibusan

Attorney General

NMIAC § 110-30.1-605 is amended as follows:

~~The subscriber or survivor shall be responsible for one half of the premium for the subscriber's or survivor's enrollment category.~~ All employee, retiree, and survivor contributions shall be made through deductions from the employee's paycheck or retiree's or survivor's benefit check as the case may be. An employee on leave without pay shall pay 100% of the premium to the GHLI trust fund in advance of the due date of such premiums. If a retiree's or survivor's benefit is insufficient to cover ~~one half~~ the percentage of the premium set by the GHLIP group health insurance policy, the retiree or survivor shall pay the amount by which their benefit is short from covering the premium, to the GHLI trust fund in advance of the due date of such premiums.

NMIAC § 110-30.1-610 is amended as follows:

~~The government shall be responsible for one half of the premium for their employees' enrollment categories.~~ The government shall not pay a contribution toward health insurance of its employees other than towards the GHLIP coverage. The NMI Retirement Fund shall be responsible for ~~one half~~ the percentage of the premium set by the GHLIP group health insurance policy for the retirees' and survivors' enrollment categories.

Arongorongol Toulap reel Ghitipwotch me Pommwol Mwóghutughutúl Health Insurance reel Depattamentol Finance

Arongorong reel Mangemangil Pommwol Mwóghut: Sángi Administrative Procedure Act, 1 CMC § 9104(a), Depattamentol Finance re akkulé reel mwóghutughut ikka e appasch. Ngáre re adóptááli mwóghutughut ikkal, e bwe bwung llól seigh (10) ráál mwiril aal akkatééwow arongorong reel Notice of Adoption llól Commonwealth Register. 1 CMC § 9105(b).

Llól Ghitipwotch Igha Re Adóptááli: E impotanti ngáliir toulap reel mille re ayoora health insurance ngáliir schóól angaang llól Commonwealth re mwuschel bwe Depattamentol Finance rebwe adóptááli mwóghutughut kkal llól ghitipwotch ngáli méél election-related goods me services sángi 1 CMC § 9104(b). Mwóghutughut kka llól ghitipwotch ebwe bwungló llól ebwughúw me reweigh (120) ráál sángi aal ghikkill merel Gobenno. Depattamentol Finance re pommw bwe rebwe adóptááli mwóghutughut kkal llól ghitipwotch nge ebwe kkáy bwe mwóghutughut kka llól ghitipwotch ebwe amwói mwóghutughut kka e lo nge e bwááwow nge e fiyoow fengál me ebwe awweiresi schóól angaang reel insurance.

Bwángil: Liiwel kkal nge aa ffil reel ffééról faal bwángil 1 CMC § 8421, iye e bwángil Depattamento bwe rebwe lemeli Government Life me Progrómmal Health Insurance, me 1 CMC § 2557, iye e ngáleer bwángiir Depattamento bwe rebwe adóptáái allégh me mwóghutughut kkal.

Kkapasal me Aweewel: Pommwol mwóghutughut me ghitipwotch kkal nge e affata bwe resóóbw taailó employee health insurance premium esóóbw

Afal reel Isiisilongol me Akkatééwowul: Pommwol liiwel kkal nge ebwe akkatééwow llól Commonwealth Register llól tálil pommwol me ffél mwóghutughut kka ra adóptáálil (1 CMC § 9102(a)(1)) me ebwe appaschetá me civic center me llól bwulasiyol gobetnamento llól senatorial district, fengal reel kkasal English me mwáliyaasch (1 CMC § 9104(a)(1)).

Fóós: Schóó kka re mwuschel rebwe isiislong iischil mángemáng reel pommwol mwóghutughut kkal ngáli Larrisa C. Larson, Sekkretóriyal Finance, ngáli féléfél iye PO Box 5234, Saipan, MP 96950. Isiislongol mángemáng, data, views, ngáre angiingi ebwe toolong llól eliigh (30) ráál mwiril aal toowow arongorong yeel. 1 CMC § 9104(a)(2).

NMIAC § 110-30.1-605 aa liiwel nge ikka e amwirimwirtiw:

~~Subscriber-me-schóó-kka-re-melaw-rebwe-lemeli-one-half-il-premium-ngáli-subscriber-me-ngáre aramas-we-e-melaw-reel-enrollment-category.~~ Alongéér schóól angaang, retiree, me schóó kka re contribute ikka re melaw ebwe toolong yaar contribution rebwe tay reel deductions sángi aal schóól angaang paycheck ngáre retiree ngáre aal survivor check-il benefit. Schóól angaang iye e on leave without pay nge ebwe óbwóss 100% reel premium ngáli GHLI trust fund nge ebwe ghutchuuw le isiisilong mmmwalil ráál iye ebwe toolong premium. Ngáre retiree ngáre survivor ese ghów yaal benefit bwe ebwe cover-li ~~one half~~ percentage reel premium iye ra isááli sángi GHLIP group health insurance policy, retiree ngáre survivor ebwe óbwóssu mille ese ghów merel aar benefit bwe ebwe cover-li premium, ngáli GHLI trust fund nge ebwe ghutchuuw le isiisilong mmwalil ráál reel premium.

NMIAC § 110-30.1-610 aa liiwel nge ikka e amwirimwirtiw:

~~Gobetnamento ebwe lemeli óbwóssul contribution ngáli one half reel health insurance ngáli schóól angaang—reel enrollment categories.~~ Gobetnamento esóóbw óbwóssu contribution ngáli health insurance reel schóól angaang ngáli schagh GHLIP coverage. NMI Retirement Fund ebwe lemeli ~~one half reel percentage il~~ premium iue re isáli merel GHLIP group health insurance policy ngáLiir retirees' me survivors' reel enrollment categories.

Isáliyalong: _____ Ráál: 11/28/16

Larrisa C. Larson, Sekkretóriyal Finance

Mwóghutughutúl Ghitipwotch e Átirow merel:

_____ Ráál: JAN 13 2017

Ralph DLG. Torres, Gobenno

Bwughiyal: _____ Ráál: 01/04/17

Shirley P. Camacho-Ogumoro

Special Assistant ngáli Administration

Ammwelil: _____ Ráál: 1.24.2017

Esther SN. Nesbitt

Commonwealth Register

I alúghúlúgh, sángi 1 CMC § 2153(e) me 1 CMC § 9104(a)(3), bwe I ya takkal amwuri fischiiy me aa átirow mwóghutughut kkal bwe aa ffil reel fféérúl me legal sufficiency.

_____ Ráál: 1/29/17

Edward Manibusan

Soulemelemil Allégh Lapalap

Nutisian Pupbliku Nu I Manprisisu Yan I Manmaproponi Na Regulasion Health Insurance Siha Para I Dipåttamentun I Finansiåt

NUTISIA PUT I AKSION NI MA'INTENSIONA: I Dipåttamentun Finansiåt manmaproponi i tinatitiyi na regulasion siha sigun i Åktun Administrative Procedures, 1 CMC § 9104(a). Kumo ma'adåpta, esti siha na regulasion ifektibu gi hålum dies (10) dihas dispues di pupblikasion nu i Nutisian i Adåptasion gi hålum i Rehistran Commonwealth. (1 CMC § 9105(b))

NISISIDÅT NA ADÅPTASION: I intires i pupbliku ni mu nanå'i health insurance para i imple'åo nu I Commonwealth nisisidåtna i Dipåttamentun i Finansiåt para u adåpta i manprisisu na regulasion siha para i finahan nu i ileksion na kosas ni manparehu yan setbisiu siha sigun para 1 CMC § 9104(b). I tinatitiyi na regulasion ni manprisisu siha siempri mu ifektibu gi 120 dihas nu i fetcha ni mafitma ginen i Gubietnu. I Dipåttamentun i Finansiåt maproponi para u adåpta esti manprisisu na regulasion siha insigidas sa i manprisisu na regulasion siha siempri mansuha påttida gi regulasion i ayu a'anok na ti ma'ya yan otru siha ya siempri ti pumusipbli mu guaha insurance para i imple'åo nu i gubietnamentu siha.

ÅTURIDÅT: Esti siha na amendasion para u macho'gui papa' i aturidåt i 1 CMC § 8421, ni ma'aturisa i i Dipåttamentu para u dirihi i Government Life yan Health Insurance na Prugråma siha; yan 1 CMC § 2557, ni manå'i i Dipåttamentu aturidåt para u adåpta i areklamentu yan regulasion siha.

I TEMA YAN SUSTÅNSIAN I PALÅBRA SIHA: Esti i manprisisu yan manmaproponi na regulasion siha ha na'klåru ayu i påtten nu i imple'åo health insurance premiums na ti mapribidu singkuenta gi percentage.

DIREKSION PARA U MAPO'LU YAN MAPUPBLIKA: Esti I Manmaproponi na amendasion siha debi na u mapupblisa gi hålum i Rehistran i Commonwealth gi hålum i seksiona ni maproponi yan nuebu na ma'adåpta na regulasion siha (1 CMC § 9102(a)(1) yan u mapega gi hålum i mangkumbinienti na lugåt siha gi Ufisinan Atkåtdi yan gi håium ufisinan gubietnamentu siha gi hålum distritun senadot, parehu Engiish yan gi iingguåhin natibu (1 CMC § 9104(a)(1)).

UPIÑON SIHA: I manintirisåo na petsona siha siña manahålum tinigi' upiñon siha gi manmaproponi na regulasion siha para i Sekritårian i Finansiåt, Larrisa Larson, via U.S. mail para P.O. Box 5234, Saipan, MP 96950. I upiñon, data, views, pat agumentu siha nisisita u fanhalum trenta (30) dihas ni tinattitiyi gi fetchan kalendåriu gi pupblikasion nu esti na nutisia. 1 CMC 9104(a)(2)

NMIAC § 110-30.1-605 ma'amenda gi tinatiyi siha:

~~I manapåpåsi pat i survivor debi na risponsåbli para lamitå gi premium nu i manapåpåsi pat i survivor ni humåhålom gi sagåña.~~ Todu imple'åo, ritirao, yan survivor i hina'hålom-ñiha salåpi siempri manmahåla ginen i chek-ñiha i imple'åo pat i ritIrao pat i chek benifision i survivor gi propiu na macho'guenña. I imple'åo ni on leave ni ti mapåsi siempri manapåsi 100% gi premium para i GHLI trust fund ni ha abånsa i dibi gi fetchan i premiums.
Yanggen ti nahong i benifision i ritirao pat i survivor para u tåmpi ~~unu lamitå~~ i percentage nu i premium ni ~~mapega ginen i GHLIP group health insurance policy~~, i ritirao pat i survIvor debi na u mapåsi i amount ni ti munahong ginen i tinatampi na premium, para i GHLI trust fund ni ha abånsa i dibi gi fetcha i premiums.

NMIAC § 110-30.1-610 ma'amenda gi tinatiyi siha:

~~I gubietnamentu debi na risponsåbli para unu lamitå gi premium para i imple'on-ñiha gi katigorin rikohidan siha.~~ I gobietnamentu ti debi na u na'hålom para health insurance nu i imple'åo siha solu guatu ha gi GHLIP coverage. I Fondon i Ritiru nu i NMI debi na risponsåbli para ~~unu lamitå~~ i percentage gi premium ni mapega ginen i GHLIP group health insurance policy para i ritirao yan survivor gi katigorin rikohidan siha.

Nina'hålum as: _____ 11/28/16
Larrisa Larson
Sekritårian I Finansiåt
Fetcha

Manprisisu na Regulasion Ma'aprueba ginen as;

_____ JAN 13 2017
Ralph DLG. Torres
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Rinlsibi as: _____ 01/04/17
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Pine'lo yan Ninota as: _____ 1.24.17
ESTHER SN. NESBITT
Rehistran Commonwealth
Fetcha

Hu settifikao, sigun para 1 CMC § 2153(e) yan 1 CMC 9104(a)(3), na hu ribisa yan aprueba esti regulasion siha para u fa'tinas yan ligåt na sufisienti.

Edward Manibusan
Abugådu Heneråt

1/29/17
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NOTICE OF CERTIFICATION AND ADOPTION OF AMENDMENTS TO REGULATIONS OF The Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality

PRIOR PUBLICATION IN THE COMMONWEALTH REGISTER
AS PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO REGULATIONS
Volume 38, Number 11, pp 038915-038934, of November 28, 2016

Regulations of the Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality: Chapter 65-100, Underground Storage Tanks

ACTION TO ADOPT PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO REGULATIONS: The Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality (BECQ) HEREBY ADOPTS AS PERMANENT amendments to the Proposed Regulations which were published in the Commonwealth Register at the above-referenced pages, pursuant to the procedures of the Administrative Procedure Act,1 CMC § 9104(a). The BECQ announced that it intended to adopt them as permanent, and now does so. (Id.). I also certify by signature below that:

as published, such adopted regulations are a true, complete and correct copy of the referenced Proposed Regulations, and that they are being adopted without modification.

PRIOR PUBLICATION: The prior publication was as stated above. The BECQ Administrator adopted the regulations as final on November 3, 2016.

AUTHORITY: The BECQ is required by the Legislature to adopt rules and regulations regarding those matters over which the BECQ has jurisdiction, including its regulation of Underground Storage Tanks. Commonwealth Environmental Protection Act, 2 CMC §§ 3121 and 3122.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Pursuant to the APA, 1 CMC sec. 9105(b), these adopted regulations are effective 10 days after compliance with the APA, 1 CMC §§ 9102 and 9104(a) or (b), which, in this instance, is 10 days after this publication in the Commonwealth Register.

COMMENTS AND AGENCY CONCISE STATEMENT: The agency received no written or oral comments during the 30-day comment period. Pursuant to 2 CMC § 9104 of the APA, upon this adoption of the regulations, the agency, if requested to do so by an interested person, either prior to adoption or within 30 days thereafter, will issue a concise statement of the principal reasons for and against its adoption, incorporating therein its reasons for overruling the considerations urged against its adoption.

ATTORNEY GENERAL APPROVAL for non-modified regulations or regulations with NON-material modification: The adopted regulations were approved for promulgation by the Attorney General in the above-cited pages of the Commonwealth Register, pursuant to 1 CMC §. 2153(e)

I DECLARE under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct and that this declaration was executed on the _____ day of January, 2017, at Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

Certified and ordered by:

FRANK M. RABAULIMAN
Administrator
Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality

1/12/17
Date

Pursuant to 1 CMC § 2153(e) and 1 CMC § 9104(a)(3) the certified final regulations, modified as indicated above from the cited proposed regulations, have been reviewed and approved as to form and legal sufficiency by the CNMI Attorney General, and shall be published (1 CMC § 2153(f).

Dated the ____ day of January, 2017.

EDWARD MANIBUSAN
Attorney General

Filed and
Recorded by:

ESTHER SN. NESBITT
Commonwealth Register

1.23.17
Date

TINIAN CASINO GAMING CONTROL COMMISSION
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PUBLIC NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULES AND REGULATIONS WHICH ARE AMENDMENTS TO THE TCGCC PERSONNEL RULES AND REGULATIONS REGARDING PART 500 SUBSECTION 170-30.5-510 LEAVE BALANCES FROM PREVIOUS EMPLOYMENT OF THE TINIAN CASINO GAMING CONTROL COMMISSION

PROPOSED RULES AND REGULATIONS: The Tinian Casino Gaming Control Commission (TCGCC) finds that:

INTENDED ACTION TO ADOPT THESE PROPOSED RULES AND REGULATIONS: The Tinian Casino Gaming Control Commission intends to adopt as permanent regulations the attached Proposed Regulations, pursuant to the procedures of the Administrative Procedures Act, 1 CMC § 9104(a). The Regulations would become effective ten (10) days after adoption and publication in the Commonwealth Register. (1 CMC § 9104(b))

AUTHORITY: The proposed amendments to TCGCC Personnel Regulations are promulgated pursuant to the Commission's authority as provided by Part II Section 5(8)c of the Revised Casino Gaming Control Act of 1989 to establish regulations and the CNMI Administrative Procedures Act.

THE TERMS AND SUBSTANCE: The proposed amendment sets forth Rules and Regulations that an employee's accrued sick leave balance from previous employment with the Commonwealth or municipal governments or their agencies may be transferred to TCGCC.

THE SUBJECTS AND ISSUES INVOLVED: The Proposed Regulations set forth the regulations and procedures that credit will be given to employees for sick leave earned in previous employment with the Commonwealth or municipal governments or their agencies to be consistent with the CNMI Personnel Regulations.

DIRECTIONS FOR FILING AND PUBLICATION: These Proposed Rules and Regulations shall be published in the Commonwealth Register in the section on proposed regulations and newly adopted regulations. 1 CMC § 9102(a)(1) and posted in convenient places in the Mayor's Office and in local government offices in each senatorial district, both in English and in the principal vernacular. 1 CMC § 9104(a)(1)

TO PROVIDE COMMENTS: All interested persons may examine the proposed amendments and submit written comments, positions, or statement for or against the proposed amendments to the Chairman of the Tinian Casino Gaming Control Commission via mail at P.O. Box 143, Tinian, MP 96952, via phone at (670)433-9288 or via fax to (670)433-9290 within (30) calendar days following the date of the publication in the Commonwealth Register of these amendments. (1 CMC § 9104(a)(2))

These regulations were approved by the Tinian Casino Gaming Control Commission on November 30, 2016.

Submitted by: _____ 12/07/16
ESTHER HOFSCHNEIDER BARR — Date
Chairman
Tinian Casino Gaming Control Commission

(Received by : _____ 12/27/16
SHIRLEY CAMACHO OGUMORO — Date
Governor's Special Assistant
for Administration)

Filed and
Recorded by: _____ 1.30.17
ESTHER SN. NESBITT — Date
Commonwealth Registrar

Pursuant to 1 CMC § 2153(e) (AG approval of regulations to be promulgated as to form) and 1 CMC § 9104(a)(3) (obtain AG approval) the proposed regulations attached hereto have been reviewed and approved as to form and legal sufficiency by the CNMI Attorney General and shall be published (1 CMC § 2153(f) (publication of rules and regulations)).

Dated the 30 day of January, 2017.

_____
EDWARD MANIBUSAN
Attorney General

§ 170-30.5-510 Leave Balances from Previous Employment
The rules and regulations in this subchapter apply to all employees and employment positions in the TCGCC.

Credit will ~~not~~ be given to ~~new~~ employees for sick leave earned in previous employment with the Commonwealth or municipal~~ity or Trust Territory~~ governments or their agencies. Employees are expected to arrange ~~settlement~~ transfer of accrued sick leave balance~~s~~ ~~directly with the previous employer~~ to TCGCC. Subject to independent verification, TCGCC may retain a record of previously earned unpaid sick leave and include it in ~~calculations pertaining to eligibility for increased annual leave benefits or qualification for retirement benefits provided by the Northern Mariana Islands Retirement Fund~~ the employee's sick leave account and available for use on the first day of re-employment. This applies to employees hired after January 2014.

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NUTISIAN PUPBLIKU NU I MANMAPROPONI NA AREKLAMENTU YAN REGULASION SIHA NI MANMA'AMENDA PARA I TCGCC NA AREKLAMENTU YAN REGULASION I PERSONNEL SIHA PUT I PÅTTEN 500 GI SUBSECTION 170-30.5-510 NU I LEAVE BALANCES GINEN I MALOFFAN NA IMPLE'ON TINIAN CASINO GAMING CONTROL COMMISSION

I MANMAPROPONI NA AREKLAMENTU YAN REGULASION SIHA: I Tinian Casino Gaming Control Commission (TCGCC) ha soda na:

I MAN INTENSIONA NA AKSION NI PARA U MA'ADÅPTA ESTI SIHA I MANMAPROPONI NA AREKLAMENTU YAN REGULASION SIHA: I Tinian Casino Gaming Control Commission ha intensiona para u adåpta kumu petmanienti na regulasion siha ni mañechettun i Manmaproponi na Regulasion siha, sigun gi i manera siha gi Åktun Administrative Procedures gi 1 CMC § 9104(a). I regulasion siha para u ifektibu gi hålom dies (10) dihas dispues di adaptasion yan pupblikasion gi hålom I Rehistran Commonwealth. (1 CMC § 9104(b))

ÅTURIDÅT: I manmaproponi na amendasion siha para i TCGCC Regulasion Personnel siha manmacho'gui sigun gi åturidåt Kumision kumu mapribeniyi ginin i Pått II Seksiona 5(8)c gi Maribisa na Åktun Casino Gaming Control gi 1989 para u ma'estapblesi i regulasion siha yan i Åktun CNMI Administrative Procedures.

I TEMA YAN SUSTÅNSIAN I PALÅBRA SIHA: I manmaproponi na amendasion mapega mona i Areklamentu yan Regulasion ayu i imple'åo siha ni manrikohi sick leave balance ginen i ma'pus siha na che'choña gi hålom i Commonwealth pat i munisipåt gobietnamentu siha pat sino gi ahensian-ñiha siña matransferi para TCGCC.

I SUHETU NI MASUMÅRIA YAN ASUNTU NI TINEKKA: I Manmaproponi siha na Regulasion mapega mona ayu i regulasion yan i maneran na i credit siempri manmanå'i i imple'åo siha i sick leave ni macho'cho'i gi ma'pus na imple'on-ñiha gi Commonwealth pat minisipåt gobietnamentu siha pat i ahensian-ñiha para u parehu yan i Regulasion i CNMI Personnel siha.

DIREKSION PARA U MAPO'LU YAN MA PUPBLIKA: Esti i manmaproponi na Areklamentu yan Regulasiuon siha debi na u mapupblika gi hålom i Rehistran Commonwealth gi hålom i seksiona ni maproponi na regulasion siha yan ñuebu na ma'adåpta na regulasion siha. 1 CMC § 9102(a)(1) yan u mapega gi hålom i kumbinienti na lugåt siha gi hålom i civic center yan i

ufisinan gubietnamentu siha gi kada distritun senadot, parehu Englis yan prinsipåt na lingguåhin natibu. 1 CMC § 9104(a)(1)

PARA U MA PRIBENIYI UPIÑON SIHA: Todu manintirisåo na petsona siha siña ha eksamina i manmaproponi na amendasion siha yan u na'hålum tinigi' upiñon, pusisions siha, pat sinangan gi pat kinentra gi manmaproponi na amendasion siha guatu gi Kabesiyun i Tinian Casino Gaming Control Commission via mail gi P.O. Box 143, Tinian, MP 96952, pat tilifon gi (670) 433-9288 pat via fax gi (670) 433-9290 gi hålom trenta (30) dihas ni tinattitiyi gi fetchan kalendåriu gi pupblikasion gi hålom i Rehistran Commonwealth gi esti na amendasion siha. (1 CMC 9104(a)(2))

Esti na regulasion siha maninaprueba ni Tinian Casino Gaming Control Commissions gi Nubembri 30, 2016.

Nina'hålum as: _____ 12/20/16
Esther Hofschneider Barr — Fetcha
Kabesiyun i Kumision

Rinisibi as: _____ 12/27/16
Shirley P. Camacho-Ogumoro — Fetcha
Ispisiåt Na Ayudånti Para Atministrasion

Pine'lu yan Ninota as: _____ 1.30.17
ESTHER SN. NESBITT — Fetcha
Rehistran Commonwealth

Sigun i 1 CMC § 2153(e) (Inaprueban Abugådu Henerål ni regulasion siha na para u macho'gui kumu fotma) yan 1 CMC § 9104(a)(3) (inahentan inaprueban Abugådu Henerål) i manmaproponi na regulasion siha ni mañechettun guini ni manmaribisa yan manma'aprueba kumu footman yan sufisienti ligåt ginin i CNMI Abugådu Henerål yan debi na u mapupblika, 1 CMC § 2153(f) (pupblikasion areklamentu yan regulasion siha).

Ma fetcha guini gi diha 30, gi Enero, 2017.

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EDWARD MANIBUSAN
Abugådu Henerål

I REGULASION PERSONEEL SIHA

§170-30.5-510 Leave Balances ginen i Ma'pus na Emple'on

I areklamentu yan regulasion siha hålom esti subchapter aplikao para todu i emple'åo yan imple'on na positions hålom I TCGCC.

I credit ~~ti~~ manmanå'i i manñuebu na imple'åo siha ni sick leave ni macho'cho'i gi ma'pus na imple'on-ñiha gi Commonwealth pat munisipål~~idåt pat Trust Territory~~ na gubietnamentu pat ahensia-ñiha siha. I imple'åo siha ma'ekspekta para u macho'gui i transferin i ~~settlement~~ nu i macho'cho'i na sick leave balances ~~tunas guatu ginen i ma'pus na amu~~ para TCGCC. Suhetu para independent verification, i TCGCC siña ha go'ti rikod nu i ma'pus i macho'cho'i i ti mapåsi na sick leave yan iningklusi hålom ~~gi calculations ni aplikao para kuålifikasion gi increased annual leave na benifisiu siha pat kuålifikasion para i benifision i ritiramentu ni mapribeni ginen i Fondon Ritirao gi Sangkattan na Islas Mariånas Siha~~ i imple'åon sick leave account yan guaha-ña para u ma'usa gi diha unu ni ma'implea ta'lo. Aplikao todu esti para i imple'åo siha ni ma'emplea dispues di Ineru 2014.

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ARONGORONGOL TOULAP REEL POMMWOL ALLÉGH ME MWÓGHUTUGHUTÚL LIIWEL NGÁLI ALLÉGHÚL ME MWÓGHUTUGHUTÚL TCGCC PERSONNEL

POMMWOL ALLÉGH ME MWÓGHUTUGHUT: Tinian Casino Gaming Control Commission (TCGCC) re schuungi bwe:

MÁNGEMÁNGIL MWÓGHUT IGHA REBWE ADÓPTÁÁLI POMMWOL ALLÉGH ME MWÓGHUTUGHUT: Tinian Casino Gaming Control Commission re mángemángil rebwe adóptááli bwe ebwe llégh ló mwóghutughut ikka e appaschlong bwe Pommwol Mwóghutughut, sángi Administrative Procedures Act, 1 CMC § 9104(a). Ebwe bwunguló mwóghutughut kkal llól seigh (10) ráál mwiril aal adóptáái me arongowow llól Commonwealth Register. (1 CMC § 9104(b))

BWÁNGIL: Pommwol liiwel ngáli mwóghutughutúl TCGCC Personnel aa fil reel ffééról sángi bwángil Commission, iye e palúweli Part II Tálil 5(8)c reel Revised Casino Gaming Control Act-il 1989 bwe ebwe fféér alléghúl me bwal CNMI Administrative Procedures Act.

KKAPASAL ME AWEEWEL: Pommwol Mwóghutughut kka ebwe fféér bwe Allégh me Mwóghutughut ngáli schóól angaang reel aal accrued sick leave balance merel angaang we fasúl lo iye reel Commonwealth ngáre municipal governments ngáre agencies iye emmwel rebwe transfer-ló reel TCGCC.

KKAPASAL ME ÓUTOL: Pommwol Mwóghutughut kka ebwe fféér bwe mwóghutughut me allégh iye credit rebwe ngáleer schóól angaang reel sick leave iye re bwughi merel angaang we e lomwo iye reel schagh llól Coomonwealth me ngáre municipal governments me ngáre aar agencies bwe ebwe weeweló ngáli CNMI Personnel Regulations.

AFAL REEL ISIISILONGOL ME ARONGOWOWUL: Pommwol Allégh me Mwóghutughut kkal ebwe akkatééwow me llól Commonwealth Register llól tálil pommwol mwóghutughut me ffél mwóghutughut ikka ra adóptááli. 1 CMC § 9102(a)(1) me ebwe appaschetá llól bwuleey kka reel Mayor's Office me bwulasiyol gobetnameento llól senatorial district, fengál reel English me mwaliyaasch. 1 CMC § 9104(a)(1)

ATOTOOLONGOL MÁNGEMÁNG: Schóó kka re tipáli rebwe piipiiy ghatchúw pommwol liiwel me isiislong ischiil mángemáng, positions, ngáre statement ngáli ngáre angiingi reel pommwol liiwel ngáli Chairman of the Tinian Casino Gaming Control Commission via féléfél iye P. O. Box 143, Tinian, MP 96952, via tilifon iye (670)433-9288 me ngáre fax ló (670)433-9290 llól eliigh (30) ráál mwiril aal akkatééwow arongorong yeel llól Commonwealth Register reel liiwel kkal. (1 CMC § 9104(a)(2))

Mwóghutughut kkal nge aa takkal átirow merel Tinian Casino Gaming Control Commission wóól Nobembre 30, 2016.

Isáliyalong: _____ 12/20/16
Esther Hofschneider Barr — Ráál
Chairman
Tinian Casino Gaming Control Commission

Bwughiyal: _____ 12/27/16
Shirley P. Camacho-Ogumoro — Ráál
Special Assistant ngáli Administration

Ammwelil: _____ 1.30.17
Esther SN. Nesbitt — Ráál
Commonwealth Registrar

Sángi 1 CMC § 2153(e) (Allégh kkal e bwe llégh ló sángi AG bwe e fil reel ffééról) me 1 CMC § 9104(a)(3) (mwiir sángi yaar llégh ló me AG) pommwol mwóghutughut iye re aschuulong bwe ra takkal amwuri fiischiy me aa llégh ló ffééról me legal sufficiency sángi CNMI Attorney General me ebwe le arongowow (1 CMC § 2153(f) (arongowowul allégh me mwóghutughut)

Wóól 30 ráálil iye Enero, 2017.

EDWARD MANIBUSAN
Soulemelemil Allégh Lapalap

§ 170-30.5-510 Leave Balances from Previous Employment

Allégh me mwóghutughut llól subchapter yeel e apply ngáli alongéér schóól angaang me employment positions llól TCGCC.

E ~~ssóbw~~-isiis Credit ngáli schóól angaang ikka re ~~ffé~~ ngáli ~~sick~~ leave iye re earn-li merel angaang we e fasúl reel Commonwealth ngáre municipal~~ity ngáre Trust Territory~~ governments me ngáre yaar agencies. Re expectay schóól angaang bwe ebwe limeti ~~settlement~~ transfer reel accrued sick leave balances iye ~~e tooto merel angaang we fasúl lo iye~~ ngáli TCGCC. Subject ngáli independent verification, emmwel bwe TCGCC ebwe amwaschúútiw record-il fasúl unpaid sick leave kkewe aa bweibwoogh me ebwe bwal aschuulong llól ~~calculation il eligibility reel increased annual leave benefits ngáre qualification ngáli retirement benefits rebwe ayoora merel Northern Marianas Islands Retirement Fund~~ account we aal schóól angaang reel sick leave emmwelil rebwe yááyá wóól ráál la re sefáállong tarabwaagho ngáre re-employment. Mwóghutughut yeel nge ngáliir schóól angaang kkewe re tarabwaagholó mwiril Eneero 2014.

Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands
COMMONWEALTH CASINO COMMISSION
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PUBLIC NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF PROPOSED RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE COMMONWEALTH CASINO COMMISSION

INTENDED ACTION TO ADOPT THESE PROPOSED RULES AND REGULATIONS: The Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Commonwealth Casino Commission ("the Commission") intends to adopt as permanent regulations the attached Proposed Regulations, pursuant to the procedures of the Administrative Procedure Act,1 CMC § 9104(a). The Regulations would become effective 10 days after adoption and publication in the Commonwealth Register. (1 CMC § 9105(b))

AUTHORITY: The Commission has the authority to adopt rules and regulations in furtherance of its duties and responsibilities pursuant to Section 2314 of Public Law 18-56 and Public Law 19-24.

THE TERMS AND SUBSTANCE: The attached amendments to the Rules and Regulations govern and regulate the Casino Gaming Industry on Saipan. Specifically, the threshold for requiring a vendor license is to be raised from $100,000.00 to $250,000.00 per calendar or fiscal year. Also, recognized charitable organizations and approved educational/training institutions are added to the lists of those exempt from the vendor license requirement. Each licensee must, within 24 hours, notify the Commission in writing of any known violation of law, regulation or internal control. Finally, the chip and token revolving fund must now be under control of the Commission instead of the casino licensee.

THE SUBJECTS AND ISSUES INVOLVED: These rules and regulations:

1. Amend §175-10.1-1305(b) to increase the threshold requiring vendor licensure from $100,000 to $250,000
2. Amend §175-10.1-1390(a) to increase the threshold requiring vendor licensure from $100,000 to $250,000
3. Amend §175-10.1-1305(e) to include approved non-profit charitable organizations & educational and training schools as exempt from vendor licensure
4. Amend §175-10.1-1390(c) to include approved non-profit charitable organizations & educational and training schools as exempt from vendor licensure

5. Amend §175-10.1-1830(a) to include written notification of known violations
6. Amend §175-10.1-2001(e) to replace Licensee with CCC for Chip Manufacturer Revolving Fund

DIRECTIONS FOR FILING AND PUBLICATION: These Proposed Regulations shall be published in the Commonwealth Register in the section on proposed and newly adopted regulations (1 CMC § 9102(a)(1)) and posted in convenient places in the civic center and in local government offices in each senatorial district; the notice shall be both in English and in the principal vernacular. (1 CMC § 9104(a)(1)).

TO PROVIDE COMMENTS: Send or deliver your comments to Commonwealth Casino Commission, *Attn: New Casino Commission Rules and Regulations*, at the above address, fax or email address, with the subject line "New Casino Commission Rules and Regulations". Comments are due within 30 days from the date of publication of this notice. Please submit your data, views or arguments. (1 CMC § 9104(a)(2))

The Commonwealth Casino Commission approved the attached Regulations on the date listed below.

Submitted by: _____ 1/25/17
JUSTIN S. MANGLONA
Acting Chairman of the Commission
Date

Concurred by: _____ 1/27/17
Hon. VICTOR B. HOCOG
Acting Governor
Date

Filed and
Recorded by: _____ 1.30.17
ESTHER SN NESBITT
Commonwealth Register
Date

Pursuant to 1 CMC § 2153(e) (AG approval of regulations to be promulgated as to form) and 1 CMC § 9104(a)(3) (obtain AG approval) the proposed regulations attached hereto

have been reviewed and approved as to form and legal sufficiency by the CNMI Attorney General and shall be published, 1 CMC § 2153(f) (publication of rules and regulations).

Dated the 30 day of January, 2017.

Hon. EDWARD MANIBUSAN
Attorney General

§ 175-10.1-1305 Service Provider and Vendor License Requirements.

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(b) The Commission may require licensure as a casino vendor of any other person or entity which provides, or is likely to provide, any gaming or nongaming services of any kind to the Casino Licensee or its affiliated companies in an amount greater than ~~One~~ Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars ($~~10~~250,000.00) per fiscal or calendar year.

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(e) Casino Vendor Licenses pursuant to subsection (b) are not required for the following persons provided they engage solely in the following transactions:

(1) landlords renting to the casino licensee or its affiliated companies;

(2) Landowners selling real estate to the casino licensee or its affiliated companies;

(3) Financial companies providing banking services to the casino licensee or its affiliated companies;

(4) Airlines selling airfare to the casino licensee or its affiliated companies;

(5) Insurance companies selling insurance policies to the casino licensee or its affiliated companies:

(6) Hotels renting rooms to the casino licensee or its affiliated companies;

(7) Agencies or political subdivisions of the Commonwealth government;

(8) Regulated public utilities;

(9) Attorneys providing legal services;

(10) Accountants providing accountancy services;

(11) Insurance companies underwriting risk or selling policies of insurance;

(12) Shipping companies providing transportation of goods;

(13) Telecommunication companies providing communication service;

(14) Charitable donations to recognized Non-Profit Organizations;

(15) Approved educational/training institutions.

§ 175-10.1-1390 Casino Vendor License.

(a) Any person or entity who is not a holder of a casino service provider license issued pursuant to § 175-10.1-1305 who transacts more than ~~One~~ Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars ($~~10~~250,000.00) per calendar or fiscal year with the Casino Licensee (including any and all of its affiliate companies) must obtain from the Commission a Casino Vendor License or a Provisional Casino Vendor License.

(b) The Casino Licensee (including any and all of its affiliate companies) shall

not transact more than ~~One~~ Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (~~$10~~250,000.00) per calendar or fiscal year with any person, entity, or affiliated group of persons or entities if said person, entity or affiliated group of persons or entities does not possess a valid Casino Vendor License or Provisional Casino Vendor License issued pursuant to these Regulations.

(c) Casino Vendor Licenses pursuant to subsection (a) are not required for the following persons provided they engage solely in the following transactions:

(1) Landlords renting to the casino licensee or its affiliated companies;

(2) Landowners selling real estate to the casino licensee or its affiliated companies;

(3) Financial companies providing banking services to the casino licensee or its affiliated companies;

(4) Airlines selling airfare to the casino licensee or its affiliated companies;

(5) Insurance companies selling insurance policies to the casino licensee or its affiliated companies;

(6) Hotels renting rooms to the casino licensee or its affiliated companies;

(7) Agencies or political subdivisions of the Commonwealth government;

(8) Regulated public utilities;

(9) Attorneys providing legal services;

(10) Accountants providing accountancy services;

(11) Insurance companies underwriting risk or selling policies of insurance;

(12) Shipping companies providing transportation of goods;

(13) Telecommunication companies providing communication service;

(14) Charitable donations to recognized Non-Profit Organizations;

(15) Approved educational/training institutions.

§ 175-10.1-1830 Reports of Violations and of Felony Convictions.

(a) The Casino Gaming Licensee, each service provider licensee, each casino employee licensee and each key casino employee licensee shall immediately notify the Commission by telephone and within 24 hours notify the Commission in writing of: (1) any violation or suspected violation of any gaming law regarding which the licensee has notified the local police and (2) the discovery of any violation of the Act, Regulations, Minimum Internal Control Standards, or Internal Control Standards.

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§ 175-10.1-2001 Approval of Chips and Tokens; Applications and Procedures.

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(e) At the time of approval of a system of internal control, the Commission may require the manufacturer to provide, and thereafter maintain with the Commission ~~The Casino Gaming Licensee~~, a revolving fund in an amount determined by the Commission, which amount shall not exceed Ten Thousand Dollars ($10,000.00). The Commission and its staff may use the revolving fund at any time without notice, for the purpose of implementing the provisions of this regulation.

Commonwealth gi Sangkattan na Islas Mariånas Siha
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NUTISIAN PUPBLIKU NU I ADÅPTASION NI MANMAPROPONI NA AREKLAMENTU YAN REGULASION SIHA PARA I COMMONWEALTH KUMISION HUEGUN SALÅPPI'

I MA'INTENSIONA NA AKSION NI PARA U MA'ADÅPTA ESTI SIHA I MANMAPROPONI NA AREKLAMENTU YAN REGULASION SIHA: I Commonwealth gi Sangkattan na Islas Mariånas , Commonwealth Kumision Huegun Salåppi' ("i Kumision") i ma'intensiona ni para u ma'adåpta komu petmanienti na regulasion siha ni mañechettun i manmaproponi na Regulasion, sigun gi manera siha gi Åktun Administrative Procedures gi, 1 CMC § 9104(a). I regulasion siha para u ifektibu gi hålom 10 dihas dispues di adåptasion yan pupblikasion gi hålom i Rehistran Commonwealth. (1 CMC § 9105(b))

ÅTURIDÅT: I Kumision guaha åturidåt-ña para u adåpta i areklamentu yan i regulasion siha ni para u makonsigi i obligasion yan i responsapblidåt siha sigun gi Seksiona 2314 gi Lai Pupbliku 18-56 yan Lai Pupbliku 19-24.

I TEMA YAN SUSTÅNSIAN I PALÅBRA SIHA: I mañechettun na amendasion para i Areklamentu yan Regulasion siha magubietna yan maregulåt i Industrian Huegon Salåppi' giya Saipan. Pattikulåt na rason, i threshold para madimånda na u mahåtsa i lisensian i vendor ginen $100,000.00 para $250,000.00 para kada kalendåriu i fiscal na såkkan. Lokkui', i manmarekonisa na i gurupu ni mannå'nå'i asistensia yan i manma'aprueba na edukasion/training institutions u fan mapega para i listan ayu siha i manlibri ginen i manmadimånda na lisensian i vendor. Kada lisensia debi di, gi hålom 24 oras, u notifika i Kumision gi tinigi' håfa matungu' siha na violation gi lai, regulasion pat internal control. Uttimu, i chip yan i token revolving fund debi na u magobietna ni Kumision alugåt di casino licensee.

I SUHETU NI MASUMÅRIA YAN ASUNTU NI TINEKKA: Esti siha na Areklamentu yan Regulasion:

1. Amenda i §175-10.1-1305(b) para u ma'aomenta i threshold ni madimånda i vendor licensure ginen $100,000 para $250,000
2. Amenda i §175-10.1-1390(a) para u ma'aomenta i threshold ni madimånda i vendor licensure ginen $100,000 para $250,000
3. Amenda i §175-10.1-1305(e) para u ma'ingklusi i manma'aprueba na non-profit na gurupu ni mannå'nå'i asistensia, edukasion yan training school ni ma'eksempt ginen vendor licensure

4. Amenda i §175-10.1-1390(c) para u ma'ingklusi i manma'aprueba na non-profit na gurupu ni mannå'nå'i asistensia, edukasion yan training school ni ma'eksempt ginen vendor licensure
5. Amenda i §175-10.1-1830(a) para u ma'ingklusi i tinigin nutisia nu i violation siha ni matungu'
6. Amenda i §175-10.1-2001(e) para u tulaika i Licensee yan i CCC para Chip Manufacturer Revolving Fund

DIREKSION PARA U MAPO'LU YAN MAPUPBLIKA: Esti i manmaproponi na Regulasion siha debi na u mapupblika gi hålom i Rehistran Commonwealth gi hålom i seksiona ni maproponi na regulasion siha yan ñuebu na ma'adåpta na regulasion siha (1 CMC § 9102(a)(1)) yan u mapega gi hålom i kumbinienti na lugåt siha gi hålom i civic center yan i ufisinan gubietnamentu siha gi kada distritun senadot, parehu Englis yan prinsipåt na lingguåhin natibu. (1 CMC § 9104(a)(1)).

PARA U MAPRIBENIYI UPIÑON SIHA: Na'hånåo pat intrega i upiñon-mu guatu gi Commonwealth Kumision Huegun Salåppi', *Attn: Kumision Huegon Salåppi' i Ñuebu na Areklamentu yan Regulasion Siha*, gi sanhilu' na address, fax pat email address, yan i råyan suhetu *"Kumision Huegon Salåppi' i Ñuebu na Areklamentu yan Regulasion Siha"*. I upiñon manma'ekspe'pekta gi hålom 30 dihas gi fetchan kalendåriu gi pupblikasion esti na nutisia. Put fabot na hålom i infotmasion, pat kinentestan kinentra siha. (1 CMC § 9104(a)(2)).

I Commonwealth Kumision Huegun Salåppi' ma'aprueba i mañechettun na Regulasion siha gi fetcha ni malista gi sanpapa'.

Nina'hålom as: _____ 1/25/17
JUSTIN S. MANGLONA — Fetcha
Acting na Kabesiyun i Kumision

Kinunfotmi as: _____ 1/27/17
Hon. VICTOR B. HOCOG — Fetcha
Acting Gubietnu

Pine'lu yan Ninota as: _____ 1.30.17
ESTHER SN. NESBITT — Fetcha
Rehistran Commonwealth

Sigun i 1 CMC § 2153(e) (I Abugådu Heneråt ha aprueba i regulasion siha na para u macho'gui

kumu fotma) yan i 1 CMC § 9104(a)(3) (hentan inaprueban Abugådu Heneråt) i manmaproponi na regulasion siha ni mañechettun guini ni manmaribisa yan manma'aprueba kumu fotma yan sufisienti ligåt ginin i CNMI Abugådu Heneråt yan debi na u mapupblika, 1 CMC § 2153(f) (pupblikasion areklamentu yan regulasion siha).

Mafetcha gi diha 30, gi Enero, 2017.

Hon. EDWARD MANIBUSAN
Abugådu Heneråt

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ARONGORONGOL TOULAP REEL POMMWOL ALLÉGH ME MWÓGHUTUGHUT IKKA REBWE ADÓPTÁÁLI NGÁLI COMMONWEALTH CASINO COMMISSION

MÁNGEMÁNGIL MWÓGHUT IGHA REBWE ADÓPTÁÁLI POMMWOL ALLÉGH ME MWÓGHUTUGHUT KKAL: Commonwealth Téél Falúw kka Efáng llól Marianas, Commonwealth Casino Commission ("The Commission") re mángemángil rebwe adóptááli bwe ebwe llégh1ó mwóghutughut kka e appasch bwe Pommwol Mwóghutughut, sángi mwóghutughutúl Administrative Act, 1 CMC § 9104(a). Ebwe bwungló Mwóghutughut kkal llól seigh (10) ráál mwiril aal akkatééwow adóptáá me arongorong yeel llól Commonwealth register. (1 CMC § 9105(b))

BWÁNGIL: Eyoor bwángil Commission bwe rebwe adóptááli allégh me mwóghutughut kkal ebwe sóbweeytá reel aal angaang me mwóghutughutúl sángi Tálil 2314 reel Alléghúl Toulap 18-56 me Alléghúl Toulap 19-24.

KKAPASAL ME WEEWEL: Liiwel ikka e appasch bwe Allégh me Mwóghutughut ebwe lemeli me aghatchú Casino Gaming Industry wóól Seipél. Ebwe ffat bwe threshold e nesesario reel vendor license bwe rebwe sárághi merel $100,000.00 ngáli $250,000.00 per calendar ngáre fiscal year. Ebwe bwal bwáálo bwe charitable organization me educational/training institutions ikka ra átirow rebwe bwal aschuulong llól lista bwe resóóbw toolong reel vendor license requirement. Ghal escháy reel licensee ebwe, llól ruwoow me faawu oora (24 hours), ebwe aghuleey ngáli Commission reel iisch ngáre eyoor iye ese attabweey allégh kkal, mwóghutughut ngáre internal control. Ottimwool, chip me token iye ebwal toolong fund ebwe llo faal Commission bwe iir rebwe lemeli ssabw casino licensee.

KKAPASAL ME ÓUTOL: Ikkaal allégh me mwóghutughut:

1. Siiweli § 175-10.1-1305(b) rebwe sárághi threshold bwe e nesesario reel vendor licensure sángi $100,000 ngáli $250,000
2. Siiweli § 175-10.1-1390(a) rebwe sárághi threshold bwe e nesesario reel vendor licensure sángi $100,000 ngáli $250,000
3. Siiweli § 175-10.1-1305(e) bwe ebwe bwal toolong mille approved non-profit charitable organization & educational me training school rebwe lighitaarló me ngáre resóóbw toolong reel vendor licensure

4. Siiweli § 175-10.1-1390© bwe ebwe toolong mille approved non-profit charitable organizations & educational me training schools rebwe lighitaaló me ngáre resóóbw toolong reel vendor licensure
5. Siiweli § 175-10.1-1830(a) bwe ebwe toolong ischil arongorong bwe rebwe ghuleey reel allégh ikka rese attabweey
6. Siiweli § 175-10.1-2001(e) bwe ebwe liiweli Licensee ngáli CCC reel Chip Manufacturer Revolving Fund

AFAL REEL ISIISILONGOL ME AKKATÉÉWOWUL: Pommwol Mwóghutughut kkal ebwe akkatééwow me llól Commonwealth Register llól tálil pommwol me ffél mwóghutughut ikka ra adóptáali (1 CMC § 9102(a)(1)) me ebwe apaschetá llól civic center me bwal llól bwulasiyol gobetnamentol reel senatorial district; ebwe toowow arongorong yeel fengál reel kkasal English me mwaliyáásch. (1 CMC § 9104(a)(1)).

ISIISILONGOL KKAPAS: Afanga ngáre bwughiló reel Commonwealth Casino Commission, Attn: New Casino Commission Rules and Regulations, reel féléfél iye e lo weiláng, fax me ngáre email, ebwe lo wóól subject line bwe "New Casino Commission Rules and Regulations". Fóós ebwe toolong llól eliigh (30) ráál mwiril aal akkatééwow arongorong yeel. Isiisilong yóómw data, views, me ngáre angiingi. (1 CMC § 9104(a)(2))

Commonwealth Casino Commission re atiiwligh reel Mwóghutughut ikka e appasch wóól ráálil iye e ischitiw faal.

Isáliyalong: _____ 1/25/17
JUSTIN S. MANGLONA
Acting Chairman reel Commission
Ráál

Angúúngúl: _____ 1/27/17
Hon. VICTOR B. HOCOG
Acting Gobenno
Ráál

Ammwelil: _____ 1.30.17
ESTHER SN. NESBITT
Commonwealth Register
Ráál

Sángi 1 CMC § 2153(e) (sángi aal llégh1ó me ffil reel ffééról sángi AG) me 1 CMC § 9104(a)(3) (mwiir sángi aal llégh1ó merel AG) reel pommwol liiwel kka e appasch igha nge ra takkal amwuri fischiiy bwe aa llégh1ó reel ffééról me legal sufficiency sángi Soulemelemil Allégh Lapalapal CNMI me ebwe akkatééwow, 1 CMC § 2153(f)(akkatééwowul allégh me mwóghutughut).

E aghikkilatiw wóól 30 ráálil Enero, 2017.

Hon. EDWARD MANIBUSAN
Soulemelemil Allégh Lapalap

COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

Ralph DLG. Torres
Governor

Victor B. Hocog
Lieutenant Governor

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2016-012

SUBJECT: DECLARATION OF A STATE OF SIGNIFICANT EMERGENCY

AUTHORITY: I, RALPH DLG. TORRES, pursuant to the authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands by Article III, § 10 of the Commonwealth Constitution and P.L. 18-4, § 104 of the Homeland Security and Emergency Management Act of 2013, do hereby declare a State of Significant Emergency for the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands due to the imminent threat of the inability of the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation ("CUC") to provide critical power generation, water, and wastewater services to the CNMI and considering the harm such condition would pose to the community, environment, and critical infrastructure of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

WHEREAS, CUC IS THE SOLE ELECTRICITY SUPPLIER to the Government of the CNMI, including all public safety activities, the schools, and the only hospital. CUC also supplies electricity to most of the CNMI's businesses and homes. While some businesses and agencies own backup generators, they are not generally organized to use the backups as permanent power sources and the diesel oil purchased to run these generators is substantially more expensive than that used for CUC power.

WHEREAS, WITHOUT CUC ELECTRICITY:

(1) Most CNMI economic activity would come to a halt, much refrigeration and air conditioning would end, and the airports and ports would be forced to rely on emergency generation on the limited, expensive oil supply for it;

(2) The CNMI's health and safety would immediately be at risk because traffic signals and street lighting would cease to function; emergency, fire, police facilities and their communications systems, and the hospital and island clinics would have to rely on limited fuel supplies for emergency generation and then cease functioning; and much refrigeration of food and medicines would end, as would air conditioning for the elderly and sick;

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(3) The public schools and the Northern Marianas College would close. Other educational institutions would close as their backup fuel supplies for emergency generators were exhausted; and

(4) Water and sewage treatment would soon end. One of CUC's largest electric customers is the combined CUC Water and Wastewater Divisions. CUC is the sole supplier of electricity for these systems. CUC's water system relies on electricity to maintain the system pressure needed to prevent the backflow of pathogens, to chlorinate, and to pump, store, and distribute water supplies. CUC's wastewater system requires electricity to collect, pump, process, treat, and discharge sewage. The lack of electricity could result in sewage overflow, contaminating land and water.

WHEREAS, THERE EXISTS A FINANCIAL CRISIS:

(1) CUC is owed over $20 million by the public school system ("PSS") and the Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation ("CHC") and is owed over millions more by other users;

(2) Although the commonwealth economy has recently improved, the improvement is only marginal and the economy and the government's finances are still fragile. This government strains to meet its obligations.

(3) CUC often only has days' worth of purchased diesel fuel to power its system because it lacks the funds to buy oil from its sole, cash-only supplier. CUC has no credit or other means to buy fuel than the revenue it collects from its customers;

WHEREAS, THERE EXISTS A TECHNICAL WORKER CRISIS:

(1) CUC faces a manpower crisis. Skilled worker and a responsive support system are key to the success of the operation, particularly for preventative maintenance. At present, CNMI law at 3 CMC §§ 4531 and 4532 prohibits CUC from hiring any more non-U.S. technical workers;

(2) CUC bears a substantial obligation to deliver highly technical work on time to the satisfaction of the U.S. District Court and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA"), pursuant to two sets of consent, or "Stipulated Orders." Failure to meet the requirements of the federal court orders could subject CUC and the CNMI to substantial fines and charges and, in the extreme, to a federal takeover of their finances;

(3) CUC requires employees with specialized training. There are many non-U.S. citizens whom CUC needs to retain on technical and professional contracts. Without these positions filled, CUC operations would be severely compromised;

(4) The legislature, through P.L. 17-1 (Mar. 22, 2010), has limited CUC's ability to hire technical staff, eliminating prior statutory permission to hire up to nineteen foreign workers and reinstituting a moratorium on the government's hiring of foreign nationals, even if needed for highly technical positions for which no local or mainland citizens are available. The CUC Act, as subsequently reenacted by P.L. 16-17 (Oct. 1, 2008), provides that CUC shall hire such persons as are necessary for operations, *except as otherwise limited by other law.* 4 CMC § 8123(h);

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(6) The impact of an inadequate workforce is substantial. First, there would be a direct deterioration of service to existing customers. There would be brownouts or area blackouts with the above-mentioned loss of service. Second, the power plants would again degrade, producing more of these outages. Third, if CUC fails to meet federal court deadlines for the Stipulated Orders, the Court could appoint a federal receiver and its consulting team with all expenses charged to CUC customers.

(7) CUC's renewal of contracts and hiring of foreign expert workers is necessary to sustain the integrity of CUC's systems. Thus, continued relief from the legislative prohibition on hiring foreign national workers is necessary to ensure the delivery of uninterrupted power services to the people of the Commonwealth. The legislature is urged to address this matter by way of amending local law to allow CUC to continue employing the services of foreign workers for such technical positions difficult to fill and to provide for a reasonable transition period.

WHEREAS, BY THIS DECLARATION OF A STATE OF SIGNIFICANT EMERGENCY, I intend to enable CUC to continue to provide necessary services to the people of the Commonwealth. This Declaration is necessary to protect the health and safety of our children, our senior citizens, businesses, and all other CNMI residents and visitors.

NOW, THEREFORE, I hereby invoke my authority under Article III, § 10 of the Commonwealth Constitution and P.L. 18-4 § 104(c), to take all necessary measures to address the threats facing the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

It is hereby **ORDERED** that:

This Declaration of a State of Significant Emergency shall take effect immediately and all memoranda, directives, and other measures taken in accordance with this Declaration shall remain in effect for thirty (30) days from the date of the Executive Order unless I, prior to the end of the thirty (30)-day period, terminate the declaration of a state of significant emergency. P.L. 18-4, § 104(g)

Under authority of this Declaration and the goal of mitigating or ameliorating the above described crises, I immediately direct the following:

DIRECTIVE: Insofar as it applies to CUC, 3 CMC § 4531 is hereby suspended. As a result of the suspension of 3 CMC § 4531, CUC shall have the full power and authority to retain staff which may include employees other than citizens and permanent residents of the United States.

The above described Directive is in no way meant as the limits of my actions or authority under this Declaration. Accordingly, I reserve the right under this Declaration to issue any and all directives necessary to prevent, mitigate or ameliorate the adverse effects of the emergency.

SIGNED AND PROMULGATED on this 15th day of July, 2016.

RALPH DLG. TORRES
GOVERNOR

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COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

Ralph DLG. Torres
Governor

Victor B. Hocog
Lieutenant Governor

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2016-013

SUBJECT: DECLARATION OF A STATE OF SIGNIFICANT EMERGENCY

AUTHORITY: I, RALPH DLG. TORRES, pursuant to the authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands by Article III, § 10 of the Commonwealth Constitution and P.L. 18-4, § 104 of the Homeland Security and Emergency Management Act of 2013, do hereby declare a State of Significant Emergency for the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands due to the imminent threat of the inability of the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation ("CUC") to provide critical power generation, water, and wastewater services to the CNMI and considering the harm such condition would pose to the community, environment, and critical infrastructure of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

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WHEREAS, WITHOUT CUC ELECTRICITY:

(1) Most CNMI economic activity would come to a halt, much refrigeration and air conditioning would end, and the airports and ports would be forced to rely on emergency generation on the limited, expensive oil supply for it;

(2) The CNMI's health and safety would immediately be at risk because traffic signals and street lighting would cease to function; emergency, fire, police facilities and their communications systems, and the hospital and island clinics would have to rely on limited fuel supplies for emergency generation and then cease functioning; and much refrigeration of food and medicines would end, as would air conditioning for the elderly and sick;

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WHEREAS, THERE EXISTS A FINANCIAL CRISIS:

(1) CUC is owed over $20 million by the public school system ("PSS") and the Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation ("CHC") and is owed over millions more by other users;

(2) Although the commonwealth economy has recently improved, the improvement is only marginal and the economy and the government's finances are still fragile. This government strains to meet its obligations.

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WHEREAS, THERE EXISTS A TECHNICAL WORKER CRISIS:

(1) CUC faces a manpower crisis. Skilled worker and a responsive support system are key to the success of the operation, particularly for preventative maintenance. At present, CNMI law at 3 CMC §§ 4531 and 4532 prohibits CUC from hiring any more non-U.S. technical workers;

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It is hereby **ORDERED** that:

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the end of the thirty (30)-day period, terminate the declaration of a state of significant emergency. P.L. 18-4, § 104(g)

Under authority of this Declaration and the goal of mitigating or ameliorating the above described crises, I immediately direct the following:

DIRECTIVE: Insofar as it applies to CUC, 3 CMC § 4531 is hereby suspended. As a result of the suspension of 3 CMC § 4531, CUC shall have the full power and authority to retain staff which may include employees other than citizens and permanent residents of the United States.

The above described Directive is in no way meant as the limits of my actions or authority under this Declaration. Accordingly, I reserve the right under this Declaration to issue any and all directives necessary to prevent, mitigate or ameliorate the adverse effects of the emergency.

SIGNED AND PROMULGATED on this 16th day of October, 2016.

RALPH DLG. TORRES
GOVERNOR

COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

Ralph DLG. Torres
Governor

Victor B. Hocog
Lieutenant Governor

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2016-014

SUBJECT: DECLARATION OF A STATE OF SIGNIFICANT EMERGENCY

AUTHORITY: I, VICTOR B. HOCOG, pursuant to the authority vested in me as Acting Governor of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands by Article III, § 10 of the Commonwealth Constitution and P.L. 18-4, § 104 of the Homeland Security and Emergency Management Act of 2013, do hereby declare a State of Significant Emergency for the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands due to the imminent threat of the inability of the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation ("CUC") to provide critical power generation, water, and wastewater services to the CNMI and considering the harm such condition would pose to the community, environment, and critical infrastructure of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

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WHEREAS, WITHOUT CUC ELECTRICITY:

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(3) The public schools and the Northern Marianas College would close. Other educational institutions would close as their backup fuel supplies for emergency generators were exhausted; and

(4) Water and sewage treatment would soon end. One of CUC's largest electric customers is the combined CUC Water and Wastewater Divisions. CUC is the sole supplier of electricity for these systems. CUC's water system relies on electricity to maintain the system pressure needed to prevent the backflow of pathogens, to chlorinate, and to pump, store, and distribute water supplies. CUC's wastewater system requires electricity to collect, pump, process, treat, and discharge sewage. The lack of electricity could result in sewage overflow, contaminating land and water.

WHEREAS, THERE EXISTS A FINANCIAL CRISIS:

(1) CUC is owed over $20 million by the public school system ("PSS") and the Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation ("CHC") and is owed over millions more by other users;

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(3) CUC often only has days' worth of purchased diesel fuel to power its system because it lacks the funds to buy oil from its sole, cash-only supplier. CUC has no credit or other means to buy fuel than the revenue it collects from its customers;

WHEREAS, THERE EXISTS A TECHNICAL WORKER CRISIS:

(1) CUC faces a manpower crisis. Skilled worker and a responsive support system are key to the success of the operation, particularly for preventative maintenance. At present, CNMI law at 3 CMC §§ 4531 and 4532 prohibits CUC from hiring any more non-U.S. technical workers;

(2) CUC bears a substantial obligation to deliver highly technical work on time to the satisfaction of the U.S. District Court and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA"), pursuant to two sets of consent, or "Stipulated Orders." Failure to meet the requirements of the federal court orders could subject CUC and the CNMI to substantial fines and charges and, in the extreme, to a federal takeover of their finances;

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(6) The impact of an inadequate workforce is substantial. First, there would be a direct deterioration of service to existing customers. There would be brownouts or area blackouts with the above-mentioned loss of service. Second, the power plants would again degrade, producing more of these outages. Third, if CUC fails to meet federal court deadlines for the Stipulated Orders, the Court could appoint a federal receiver and its consulting team with all expenses charged to CUC customers.

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WHEREAS, BY THIS DECLARATION OF A STATE OF SIGNIFICANT EMERGENCY, I intend to enable CUC to continue to provide necessary services to the people of the Commonwealth. This Declaration is necessary to protect the health and safety of our children, our senior citizens, businesses, and all other CNMI residents and visitors.

NOW, THEREFORE, I hereby invoke my authority under Article III, § 10 of the Commonwealth Constitution and P.L. 18-4 § 104(c), to take all necessary measures to address the threats facing the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

It is hereby **ORDERED** that:

This Declaration of a State of Significant Emergency shall take effect immediately and all memoranda, directives, and other measures taken in accordance with this Declaration shall remain in effect for thirty (30) days from the date of the Executive Order unless I, prior to

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the end of the thirty (30)-day period, terminate the declaration of a state of significant emergency. P.L. 18-4, § 104(g)

Under authority of this Declaration and the goal of mitigating or ameliorating the above described crises, I immediately direct the following:

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The above described Directive is in no way meant as the limits of my actions or authority under this Declaration. Accordingly, I reserve the right under this Declaration to issue any and all directives necessary to prevent, mitigate or ameliorate the adverse effects of the emergency.

SIGNED AND PROMULGATED on this 16th day of November, 2016.

VICTOR B. HOCOG
Acting Governor

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COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

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Victor B. Hocog
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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2016-015

SUBJECT: DECLARATION OF A STATE OF SIGNIFICANT EMERGENCY

AUTHORITY: I, VICTOR B. HOCOG, pursuant to the authority vested in me as Acting Governor of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands by Article III, § 10 of the Commonwealth Constitution and P.L. 18-4, § 104 of the Homeland Security and Emergency Management Act of 2013, do hereby declare a State of Significant Emergency for the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands due to the imminent threat of the inability of the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation ("CUC") to provide critical power generation, water, and wastewater services to the CNMI and considering the harm such condition would pose to the community, environment, and critical infrastructure of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

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Acting Governor

COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

Ralph DLG. Torres
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Lieutenant Governor

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2017-01

SUBJECT: DECLARATION OF A STATE OF SIGNIFICANT EMERGENCY

AUTHORITY: I, RALPH DLG. TORRES, pursuant to the authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands by Article III, § 10 of the Commonwealth Constitution and P.L. 18-4, § 104 of the Homeland Security and Emergency Management Act of 2013, do hereby declare a State of Significant Emergency for the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands due to the imminent threat of the inability of the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation ("CUC") to provide critical power generation, water, and wastewater services to the CNMI and considering the harm such condition would pose to the community, environment, and critical infrastructure of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

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(4) The legislature, through P.L. 17-1 (Mar. 22, 2010), has limited CUC's ability to hire technical staff, eliminating prior statutory permission to hire up to nineteen foreign workers and reinstituting a moratorium on the government's hiring of foreign nationals, even if needed for highly technical positions for which no local or mainland citizens are available. The CUC Act, as subsequently reenacted by P.L. 16-17 (Oct. 1, 2008), provides that CUC shall hire such persons as are necessary for operations, *except as otherwise limited by other law.* 4 CMC § 8123(h);

(5) There are not enough U.S. citizen or U.S. resident technical specialists at CUC to perform the power generation work, particularly specialists with experience in the type of engines that CUC uses. U.S. citizens with the necessary skills are not readily available in the CNMI and it is costly to recruit from the United States. CUC believes that the vast majority of skill sets, considering its cash restrictions, must come from non-U.S. personnel. CUC has tried to hire diesel mechanics in the CNMI, but has been unsuccessful in finding enough qualified candidate;

(6) The impact of an inadequate workforce is substantial. First, there would be a direct deterioration of service to existing customers. There would be brownouts or area blackouts with the above-mentioned loss of service. Second, the power plants would again degrade, producing more of these outages. Third, if CUC fails to meet federal court deadlines for the Stipulated Orders, the Court could appoint a federal receiver and its consulting team with all expenses charged to CUC customers.

(7) CUC's renewal of contracts and hiring of foreign expert workers is necessary to sustain the integrity of CUC's systems. Thus, continued relief from the legislative prohibition on hiring foreign national workers is necessary to ensure the delivery of uninterrupted power services to the people of the Commonwealth. The legislature is urged to address this matter by way of amending local law to allow CUC to continue employing the services of foreign workers for such technical positions difficult to fill and to provide for a reasonable transition period.

WHEREAS, BY THIS DECLARATION OF A STATE OF SIGNIFICANT EMERGENCY, I intend to enable CUC to continue to provide necessary services to the people of the Commonwealth. This Declaration is necessary to protect the health and safety of our children, our senior citizens, businesses, and all other CNMI residents and visitors.

NOW, THEREFORE, I hereby invoke my authority under Article III, § 10 of the Commonwealth Constitution and P.L. 18-4 § 104(c), to take all necessary measures to address the threats facing the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

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It is hereby **ORDERED** that:

This Declaration of a State of Significant Emergency shall take effect immediately and all memoranda, directives, and other measures taken in accordance with this Declaration shall remain in effect for thirty (30) days from the date of the Executive Order unless I, prior to the end of the thirty (30)-day period, terminate the declaration of a state of significant emergency. P.L. 18-4, § 104(g)

Under authority of this Declaration and the goal of mitigating or ameliorating the above described crises, I immediately direct the following:

DIRECTIVE: Insofar as it applies to CUC, 3 CMC § 4531 is hereby suspended. As a result of the suspension of 3 CMC § 4531, CUC shall have the full power and authority to retain staff which may include employees other than citizens and permanent residents of the United States.

The above described Directive is in no way meant as the limits of my actions or authority under this Declaration. Accordingly, I reserve the right under this Declaration to issue any and all directives necessary to prevent, mitigate or ameliorate the adverse effects of the emergency.

SIGNED AND PROMULGATED on this 16th day of January, 2017.

RALPH DLG. TORRES
GOVERNOR

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COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

Ralph DLG. Torres
Governor

Victor B. Hocog
Lieutenant Governor

DIRECTIVE

DATE: OCT 04 2016

No. 005

TO: All Department and Activity Heads
FROM: **Governor**
SUBJECT: Designation of the Department of Fire and Emergency Medical Services (DFEMS) as lead agency on HAZMAT and CBRNE

The Department of Fire and Emergency Medical Services (DFEMS) is designated to coordinate, respond and resolve incidents to Hazardous Material (HAZMAT) and Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear and Explosives (CBRNE) in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The Department of Fire and Emergency Medical Services shall be the lead agency and recipient of the Hazardous Material Emergency Preparedness Grant from the United States Department of Transportation under the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Administration. The CNMI Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality shall relinquish this grant and current assets of the grant to DFEMS.

The CNMI CBRNE Task Force will remain as a task force with DFEMS taking the lead in task force coordination, response and training. The Commonwealth Utilities Corporation and Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality shall remain in the Task Force. The Task Force shall be called "Task Force Piliguru".

The Department of Public Safety's Explosive Response Team (XRT) shall report to the Task Force Piliguru and must participate in all aspects of response, training and coordination.
Current memorandum of agreement governing the CBRNE task force shall be re-visited by the members of the task force and updated to comply with this directive.

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Twentieth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature

SENATE SESSIONS - 2017

	DATE	TIME	PLACE	SENATORIAL DISTRICT
First Regular Session **(01/09/2017 - 03/31/17)**				
1st Day	February 15, 2017	1:00 p.m.	Senate Chamber	Saipan
2nd Day	February 22, 2017	1:00 p.m.	Senate Chamber	Saipan
3rd Day	March 10, 2017	1:00 p.m.	Rota Courthouse	Rota
4th Day	March 22, 2017	1:00 p.m.	Senate Chamber	Saipan
5th Day	March 29, 2017	1:00 p.m.	Tinian Courthouse	Tinian
Special Session	***(04/01/17 - 07/31/17)***			
1st Special	April 12, 2017	1:00 p.m.	Senate Chamber	Saipan
2nd Special	April 26, 2017	1:00 p.m.	Senate Chamber	Saipan
3rd Special	May 10, 2017	1:00 p.m.	Senate Chamber	Saipan
4th Special	May 26, 2017	1:00 p.m.	Senate Chamber	Saipan
Second Regular Sessi **(08/01/17 - 12/31/17)**				
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2nd Day	August 17, 2017	1:00 p.m.	Senate Chamber	Saipan
3rd Day	August 31, 2017	1:00 p.m.	Senate Chamber	Saipan
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5th Day	September 21, 2017	1:00 p.m.	Senate Chamber	Saipan
6th Day	September 29, 2017	1:00 p.m.	Rota Courthouse	Rota
7th Day	October 12, 2017	1:00 p.m.	Senate Chamber	Saipan
8th Day	October 26, 2017	1:00 p.m.	Senate Chamber	Saipan
9th Day	November 8, 2017	1:00 p.m.	Senate Chamber	Saipan
10th Day	November 21, 2017	1:00 p.m.	Tinian Courthouse	Tinian
11th Day	November 30, 2017	1:00 p.m.	Senate Chamber	Saipan
12th Day	December 7, 2017	1:00 p.m.	Senate Chamber	Saipan
13th Day	December 14, 2017	1:00 p.m.	Rota Courthouse	Rota
14th Day	December 21, 2017	1:00 p.m.	Senate Chamber	Saipan

NOTE: The Chairs of the Standing Committees are encouraged to work on referred legislation in accordance to Rule 7, Section 8 (c) of the Official Rules of the 20th Senate.

Date: 1/20/17

Senate President