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Honorable Eugene Bigboy, Sr.
Chairman, Bad River Band of Lake Superior
Chippewa Indians of Wisconsin
Chief Blackbird Center
P.O. Box 39
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Honorable David Merrill
President, St. Croix Chippewa
Indians of Wisconsin
24663 Angeline Avenue
Webster, Wisconsin 54893

Dear Chairman Bigboy and President Merrill:

We are writing to you to let you know we have sent our recommendation regarding your joint application for a gaming site in Beloit, Wisconsin, to the Office of Indian Gaming Management located in Washington, D.C. Our favorable recommendation was by memorandum dated January 8, 2007, and mailed out on this same date.

If you have any questions, please contact Chanda M. Joseph, Tribal Operations Specialist, at 612-725-4542.

Sincerely,

Regional Director

EXHIBIT B

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July 13, 2007

Carl J. Artman
Assistant Secretary-Indian Affairs
U.S. Department of the Interior
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Washington, D.C. 20240

RE: *Beloit Casino Project*

Dear Mr. Artman:

When we met with you and Michael Bogert on June 19, 2007, I indicated that we would appreciate some indication as to the time frame within which you anticipate that the staff review of the St. Croix Tribe and Bad River Band's application will be completed. As you have probably heard, at the time the application and decision package were received by the Central Office in mid- January of this year, George Skibine projected that the staff review would be completed within 60 days. Obviously, we are well past this. We accordingly request that you kindly inform us when you believe the staff review of the application will be completed. We would also appreciate your informing us of the anticipated time frame within which a decision will be made by the BIA with respect to the application.

As I indicated to you at our meeting on June 19, 2007, I had heard (through the rumor mill) that a decision had either been made, or is close to being made, that for off-reservation casino applications like our own, a Part 151 determination would be made before the Section 20 determination is made. We request that you inform us if such a decision has been made. If a decision has been made that the Part 151 determination will be made first, we respectfully request that you provide an explanation as to the reasoning behind this policy change. As I indicated to you at our meeting, we would be concerned about the use of Part 151 as the more appropriate vehicle to make a determination on these applications because it imparts more discretion to the Secretary. It is our considered view that the standards appearing as the two-part determination in IGRA reflect Congressional intent that they, and not Part 151, are the appropriate standards to be applied in making decisions whether to approve off-reservation casino applications.

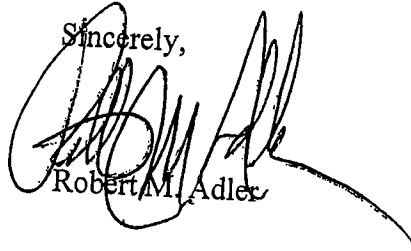
Finally, if Secretary Kempthorne or you are inclined to deny this application, then the St. Croix Tribe and the Bad River Band respectfully request formal consultations before a final decision is made.

O'CONNOR & HANNAN, L.L.P.

Carl J. Artman, Assistant Secretary-Indian Affairs
July 13, 2007
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We appreciate your courtesies in meeting with us and most particularly your prompt responses to our inquiries. We look forward to a continuing dialogue with you with respect to the Beloit casino application.

Sincerely,



Robert M. Adler

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cc: George Skibine

EXHIBIT C

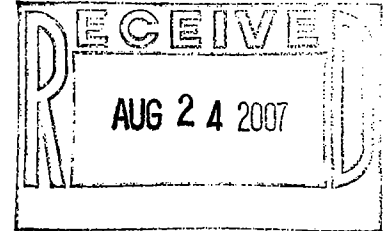


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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20240



AUG 21 2007



Mr. Robert M. Adler
1666 K Street, NW, Suite 500
Washington, D.C. 20006

Dear Mr. Adler:

- Thank you for your letter dated July 13, 2007, requesting the timeframe within which a decision will be made regarding the St. Croix Tribe and Bad River Band's fee to trust application to establish a gaming facility in Beloit, Wisconsin and whether a 25 CFR Part 151 determination will be made before the Section 20 determination is made. Your letter was referred to this office for response.

The application of the Bad River Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians and the St. Croix Band of Chippewa Indians to take land into trust near Beloit, Wisconsin, into trust for gaming purposes pursuant to 25 C.F.R. Part 151, and for a two-part determination pursuant to Section 20(b)(1)(A) of the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (IGRA), 25 U.S.C. 2719(b)(1)(A), is currently under review in this office and a decision will be made only after an exhaustive and deliberative review of all relevant criteria, factual information, and legal requirements. We will make a determination on whether to take the land into trust pursuant to Part 151 prior to making the two-part Secretarial determination under IGRA. We believe that it is the appropriate and logical sequence for the decision-making process. We do not believe that this represents a policy change since the Department has never before specified a particular sequence for making the two decisions involved in this process.

Thank your for your interest in this important issue.

Sincerely,

Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary -
Policy and Economic Development

EXHIBIT D



THE ASSOCIATE DEPUTY SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR
WASHINGTON, DC 20240

DEC 21 2006

The Honorable George E. Pataki
Governor of New York
Albany, New York 12224

Dear Governor Pataki:

This letter provides you with current information regarding the status of the application of the St. Regis Mohawk Tribe to have land placed in trust for the purpose of gaining approval to conduct off-reservation gaming activities in the State of New York.

While the St. Regis Mohawk Tribe already has an existing reservation of almost 15,000 acres of land in the State of New York, which is held in restricted fee status, the Tribe has proposed that the United States take another 29.31 acres of land into trust for a proposed casino project. The subject property is located in the Village of Monticello over 450 miles from the Tribe's reservation.

Generally, the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (IGRA) permits Indian Tribes to establish gaming operations on Indian lands upon which the tribe exercised jurisdiction as of October 17, 1988. It is my understanding that the Tribe currently conducts gaming operations on its reservation, but seeks to conduct gaming on the subject property in hopes of achieving greater economic return.

Clearly, the Tribe did not exercise jurisdiction on the subject parcel in 1988, therefore it cannot be used for gaming purposes as a matter of law. However, IGRA also provides several exceptions in Section 20. The application from the Tribe seeks to obtain approval under the "two-part determination" exception referred to in Section 20 of IGRA.

Please recall that former Assistant Secretary Gover, an official of the former Clinton Administration, sent you a letter on April 6, 2000, pursuant to Section 20 (b)(1)(A) of IGRA to provide you with an opportunity to concur in the two-part determination process. A copy of former Assistant Secretary Gover's April 6, 2000, letter, and associated Findings of Fact are enclosed for your reference.

It is our understanding that you had decided not to act on this matter pending the completion of an environmental evaluation. The Tribe has submitted an Environmental Analysis (EA) and we have completed our review of the EA. We have determined that, pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act, the EA is sufficient, an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is not required, and approving the "finding of no significant impact" (FONSI) is appropriate for the proposed project as it is currently defined. I have included a copy of the approved FONSI for your review.

The Honorable George E. Pataki

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Please be aware that we consider this action to be narrow in scope and should not be regarded as suggesting a commitment to take the subject land into trust or to approve a compact to conduct gaming on that property.

It is our understanding that representatives of the St. Regis Mohawk Tribe will be contacting you to urge you to concur in the April 6, 2000, two-part determination. Please be advised that no further action will be taken on this application, pending receipt of clear, written confirmation that the State of New York concurs with the two-part determination that this off-reservation project meets the requirements of IGRA.

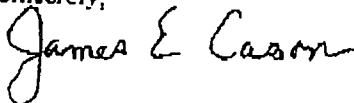
Your affirmative written concurrence is required before the Department will proceed with the consideration of the St. Regis Mohawk Tribe's application to take a portion of the Monticello Raceway in trust pursuant to the Department's land acquisition regulations in 25 CFR Part 151. Please be mindful that your concurrence in the two-part determination under Section 20(b)(1)(A) of IGRA should not be construed as a future commitment from the Department to take the land into trust. That decision has yet to be made and will be made only after consideration of all the regulatory requirements contained in 25 CFR Part 151.

Governor, please note that we share the concerns that many have expressed about the implications of off-reservation gaming and so-called "reservation shopping." As you are no doubt aware, within the past year, legislation has been introduced in both the United States Senate and the House of Representatives that would significantly restrict or eliminate the options currently available to Indian tribes under Section 20.

As a result of the public concerns being reflected in the aforementioned proposed legislation and other concerns advanced by local jurisdictions, the Department is reviewing the regulations that govern the processing of fee-into-trust applications (25 CFR Part 151). We anticipate changes to the rules that may result in fewer off-reservation properties being accepted into trust. In particular, we expect to consider a paradigm where the likelihood of accepting off-reservation land into trust decreases with the distance the subject parcel is from the Tribe's established reservation or ancestral lands and the majority of tribal members.

We understand that there are many competing issues and interests to consider before we act to permit gaming to occur in our communities. Please let me know if you need further information to facilitate your evaluation of this matter.

Sincerely,



James E. Cason

Enclosures

EXHIBIT E



United States Department of the Interior

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
Washington, D.C. 20240



FEB 20 2001

Honorable Scott McCallum
Governor
State of Wisconsin
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Madison, Wisconsin 53707

Dear Governor McCallum:

Pursuant to the Settlement Agreement dated October 8, 1999, in the case *Sokaogon Chippewa Community, et al., v. Babbitt, et al.*, Case No. 95-C-659-C (W.D. Wis.), the Assistant Secretary - Indian Affairs agreed to resume consideration of the March 4, 1994, application of the Lac Courte Oreilles Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians of Wisconsin, Sokaogon Chippewa Community of Wisconsin and the Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians of Wisconsin (Tribes). The Tribes have made application for a trust land acquisition of a 55.82 acre parcel of land located in Hudson, Wisconsin and for a Secretarial two-part determination pursuant to Section 20(b)(1)(A) of the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (IGRA), 25 U.S.C. § 2719(b)(1)(A).

Gaming on the Hudson parcel is subject to the Secretarial two-part determination in Section 20(b)(1)(A) of the IGRA, because the land will be acquired in trust after October 17, 1988, is located outside of the Tribes' reservations, nor does it fall within any of the specific exemptions to the prohibition against gaming on trust lands acquired after October 17, 1988. Pursuant to Section 20(b)(1)(A) of the IGRA, before the Hudson parcel can be acquired in trust for gaming purposes, I must determine that a gaming facility on the land would be in the best interests of the Tribes and their members and not detrimental to the surrounding community and then you must concur in that determination. If you concur in this determination, the land can be acquired by the United States in trust for the Tribes for gaming purposes, provided all the requirements of the Bureau of Indian Affairs' land acquisition regulations found in 25 CFR Part 151 are met.

The Department has completed its review of the Tribes' application for the two-part determination. Based on this application and its supporting documentation, including the comments received from the State and local government officials, and officials of nearby Indian tribes, the Department has made findings of fact supporting the two-part determination.

Based on these findings, I have determined that a gaming establishment on the 55.82 acre parcel of land located in Hudson, Wisconsin would be in the best interests of the Tribes and their members and would not be detrimental to the surrounding community. These findings of fact are enclosed (under separate cover) along with the supporting documentation for your review. The materials we are providing to you contain commercial and financial information which we might not normally release as we believe it may be protected under Exemption 4 of the Freedom of Information Act. We are releasing it to you as we are required by law to seek your concurrence on our two-part determination pursuant to 25 U.S.C. § 2719(b)(1)(A). We believe, therefore, that this information is necessary for you to make an informed decision regarding this matter. If you receive a request for release of this information, we ask that you contact us before making any determination regarding its release.

Pursuant to Section 20 of IGRA, I seek your concurrence in this determination.

Sincerely,



James H. McDivitt
Deputy Assistant Secretary - Indian Affairs
(Management)

Enclosure