#### **RESOLUTION 2007-55**

## A RESOLUTION ADOPTING MARINE STRUCTURAL AND LIFE SAFETY STANDARDS

The Indiana Gaming Commission ("Commission") adopts the following resolution pursuant to the authority granted to it under IC 4-33 and pursuant to 68 IAC 1-2-6.

The Commission has considered the following factors:

- 1. In 2005, Indiana Code 4-33-6 was amended by the Indiana General Assembly to read as follows: "A riverboat that operates in a county described in IC 4-33-1-1(1) or IC 4-33-1-1(2) must ... have either (A) a valid certificate of inspection from the United States Coast Guard for the carrying of at least five hundred (500) passengers; or (B) a valid certificate of compliance with marine structural and life safety standards determined by the Commission...."
- 2. The United States Coast Guard has determined that newly constructed Indiana riverboat casino vessels shall be classified as permanently moored vessels and the Coast Guard will not grant a Certificate of Inspection to such vessels.
- 3. Horseshoe Hammond, LLC and the Indiana Gaming Company, LP (Argosy) are currently constructing new gaming vessels which will not be granted a Certificate of Inspection from the United States Coast Guard.
- 4. Given the policies of the United States Coast Guard, it is imperative that the Commission provide alternative standards for newly constructed vessels seeking a Certificate of Compliance under Indiana Code 4-33-6 instead of a Certificate of Inspection.

# NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE INDIANA GAMING COMMISSION, THAT THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION IS ADOPTED:

#### **SECTION 1: SCOPE**

This resolution applies to Indiana Riverboat Licensees operating a riverboat in a county described in IC 4-33-1-1(1) or IC 4-33-1-1(2).

#### **SECTION 2: DEFINITIONS**

The definitions set forth in IC 4-33-2 and 68 IAC apply to this resolution.

#### SECTION 3: ADOPTION OF MARINE STRUCTURAL AND LIFE SAFETY STANDARDS

The Commission hereby adopts the attached marine structural and life safety standards developed pursuant to Indiana Code 4-33-6. This adoption of these standards does not supersede, restrict or diminish the authority granted to the Executive Director under Resolution 2005-45.

#### **SECTION 5: APPLICATION OF THE STANDARDS**

In accordance with Indiana Code 4-33-6, the marine structural and life safety standards herein adopted shall be the measure by which Indiana's alternate certification of riverboat gaming vessels will be judged in order to receive a certificate of compliance.

### **SECTION 5: EFFECTIVE DATE**

This resolution is effective immediately.

ADOPTED THIS THE 7th DAY OF JUNE, 2007.

THE INDIANA GAMING COMMISSION:

William W. Barrett, Chair

ATTEST: