

ORDER 2019-98

AN ORDER PROSPECTIVELY RENEWING THE CASINO OWNER'S LICENSE AND WRITTEN POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR HORSESHOE HAMMOND, LLC

In accordance with and subject to Ind. Code art. 4-33 and Title 68 of the Indiana Administrative Code, the Indiana Gaming Commission ("Commission") issued a casino owner's license to Empress Casino Hammond Corporation ("Empress") on June 21, 1996. By Resolution 1999-32, the Commission granted the Horseshoe Gaming Holding Corporation's ("Holding") application to acquire 100% ownership of Empress. By Resolution 2001-8, Holding received the approval to change the name of the entity that held the casino owner's license from Empress to Horseshoe Hammond, Inc. By Resolution 2004-31, the Commission granted the Harrah's Operating Company, Inc.'s application to acquire 100% of the ownership interest of Holding.

By Resolution 2005-54, Horseshoe Hammond, Inc. received approval to change the entity from a corporation to a limited liability company named Horseshoe Hammond, LLC ("Horseshoe Hammond"). Pursuant to Ind. Code § 4-33-6-12, the Commission has renewed the license annually since inception. The most recent renewal renewed the owner's license through June 19, 2019. On April 30, 2019, Horseshoe Hammond requested the renewal of its license and submitted its annual renewal fee.

On March 19, 2015, by Order 2015-53, the Commission approved the written power of attorney modification naming Mr. Thomas Thanas as trustee-in-waiting for Horseshoe Hammond. The power of attorney was subsequently renewed annually thereafter, most recently through Order 2018-117. Order 2018-117 stated that the approval would expire "upon the effectiveness of a subsequent Commission order that either: (1) addresses the renewal of Horseshoe Hammond's casino owner's license; or (2) modifies or withdraws the approval" of Mr. Thanas. On April 30, 2019, Horseshoe Hammond indicated in writing that it wished to change its trustee-in-waiting from Mr. Thanas to Mr. Michael W. Hansen.

COMMISSION ACTION

Pursuant to Ind. Code § 4-33-6-12, the Commission has found that Horseshoe Hammond has substantially complied with the directives of Ind. Code art. 4-33 and Title 68 of the Indiana Administrative Code; therefore, Horseshoe Hammond is suitable to hold a license. The Commission **GRANTS** renewal of Horseshoe Hammond's casino owner's license for a period of one year subject to Horseshoe Hammond maintaining its casino gambling operation, riverboat, hotel, and pavilion in substantial compliance with all properly applicable state and local laws, including but not limited to, Commission regulations, resolutions, orders and/or other directives relating to the license or the lawful operation of gaming in Indiana. The renewal of the casino owner's license is valid for a period of one year from June 20, 2019, through June 19, 2020.

Furthermore, the Commission **GRANTS** the appointment of the written power of attorney identifying Mr. Michael W. Hansen as trustee-in-waiting for Horseshoe Hammond. The renewal of the Commission's approval expires upon the effectiveness of a subsequent Commission order that either: (1) addresses the renewal of Horseshoe Hammond's casino owner's license; or (2) modifies or withdraws the approval granted herein.

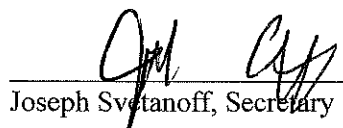
According to Ind. Code ch. 4-21.5-3 this order is effective fifteen days after the order is served.

IT IS SO ORDERED THIS 30th DAY OF MAY, 2019.

THE INDIANA GAMING COMMISSION:

ATTEST:


Michael McMains, Chair


Joseph Svetanoff, Secretary