

**ORDER 2021-28  
IN RE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT**

**BLUE SKY CASINO, LLC d/b/a FRENCH LICK RESORT • CASINO  
21-FL-01**

After having reviewed the attached Settlement Agreement, the Indiana Gaming Commission hereby:

**APPROVED**

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APPROVES OR DISAPPROVES

the proposed terms of the Settlement Agreement.

**IT IS SO ORDERED THIS THE 23<sup>rd</sup> DAY OF MARCH, 2021.**


**THE INDIANA GAMING COMMISSION:**



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Michael B. McMains, Chair

ATTEST:



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Jason Dudich, Secretary

**STATE OF INDIANA  
INDIANA GAMING COMMISSION**

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	)	<b>SETTLEMENT</b>
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**SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT**

The Indiana Gaming Commission (“Commission”) by and through its Executive Director Sara Gonso Tait and Blue Sky Casino, LLC d/b/a French Lick Resort•Casino (“French Lick”) (collectively, the “Parties”) desire to enter into this settlement agreement (“Agreement”) prior to the initiation of a disciplinary proceeding pursuant to 68 IAC 13-1-18(a). The Parties stipulate and agree that the following facts are true:

**FINDINGS OF FACT**

1. IC 4-38-11-1(a) provides the bureau shall provide information to a certificate holder concerning persons who are delinquent in child support.
  - (b) Prior to a certificate holder disbursing a payout of six hundred dollars (\$600) or more, in winnings, from sports wagering to a person who is delinquent in child support and who is claiming the winning sports wager in person at the certificate holder's facility, the certificate holder:
    - (1) may deduct and retain an administrative fee in the amount of the lesser of:
      - (A) three percent (3%) of the amount of delinquent child support withheld under subdivision (2)(A); or
      - (B) one hundred dollars (\$100); and
    - (2) shall:
      - (A) withhold the amount of delinquent child support owed from winnings;
      - (B) transmit to the bureau:
        - (i) the amount withheld for delinquent child support; and
        - (ii) identifying information, including the full name, address, and Social Security number of the obligor and the child support case identifier, the date and amount of the payment, and the name and location of the licensed owner, operating agent, or trustee; and
      - (C) issue the obligor a receipt in a form prescribed by the bureau with the total amount withheld for delinquent child support and the administrative fee.
    - (c) The bureau shall notify the obligor at the address provided by the certificate holder that the bureau intends to offset the obligor's delinquent child support with the winnings.
    - (d) The bureau shall hold the amount withheld from the winnings of an obligor for ten (10) business days before applying the amount as payment to the obligor's delinquent child support.
    - (e) The delinquent child support required to be withheld under this section and an administrative fee described under subsection (b)(1) have priority over any secured or

unsecured claim on winnings except claims for federal or state taxes that are required to be withheld under federal or state law.

2. Chapter 5, Section 2(2)(W) of the Emergency Rules for Sports Wagering provides prior to beginning sports wagering operations, a sports wagering operator must submit for approval under 68 IAC 11 internal controls for withholding winnings from delinquent child support obligors in accordance with IC 4-38-11, including a plan for complying with IC 4-38-11 if the sports wagering operator allows the redemption of tickets via mail.
3. 68 IAC 11-9-2(a) states the casino licensee or trustee shall submit to the executive director internal control procedures concerning the withholding of cash winnings from delinquent obligors in accordance with 68 IAC 11-1.
4. 68 IAC 11-1-3(c)(4) states that no casino licensee or casino license applicant may use an internal control procedure unless the internal control procedure has been approved, in writing, by the executive director.
5. French Lick's approved internal control procedures, B-25, describe the procedures for child support delinquency reporting.
6. Gaming Agent's audited the Child Support Arrears Delinquency Registry (CSADR) for September 2020. The results of this audit found one (1) individual was not searched through the CSADR system at the time a taxable jackpot was won.
7. Gaming Agent's audited the Child Support Arrears Delinquency Registry (CSADR) for November 2020. The results of this audit found one (1) individual was not searched through the CSADR system at the time sports wagering winnings in excess of \$600 was won.

### **TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

Commission staff alleges that the acts or omissions of French Lick by and through its agents as described herein constitute a breach of IC 4-33, IC 4-38, 68 IAC, the Emergency Rules for Sports Wagering and/or French Lick's approved internal control procedures. The Commission and French Lick hereby agree to a monetary settlement of the alleged violations described herein in lieu of the Commission pursuing formal disciplinary action against French Lick.

French Lick shall pay to the Commission a total of \$2,000 in consideration for the Commission foregoing disciplinary action based on the facts specifically described in the Findings of Fact contained in this Agreement. This Agreement extends only to those violations and findings of fact specifically alleged in the findings above. If the Commission subsequently discovers facts that give rise to additional or separate violations, the Commission may pursue disciplinary action for such violations even if the subsequent violations are similar or related to an incident described in the findings above.



Upon execution and approval of this Agreement, Commission staff shall submit this Agreement to the Commission for review and final action. Upon approval of the Agreement by the Commission, French Lick agrees to promptly remit payment in the amount of \$2,000 and waive all rights to further administrative or judicial review.


This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the Parties. No prior or subsequent understandings, agreements, or representations, oral or written, not specified or referenced within this document will be valid provisions of this Agreement. This Agreement may not be modified, supplemented, or amended, in any manner, except by written agreement signed by all Parties.

This Agreement may be executed in multiple counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original agreement and both of which shall constitute one and the same agreement. The counterparts of this Agreement may be executed and delivered by electronic mail, facsimile, or other electronic signature by either of the parties and the receiving party may rely on the receipt of such document so executed and delivered electronically as if the original had been received.

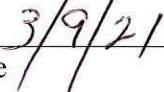
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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have signed this Agreement on the date and year as set forth below.

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Sara Gonso Tait, Executive Director  
Indiana Gaming Commission

  
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Chris Leininger, General Manager  
Blue Sky Casino, LLC

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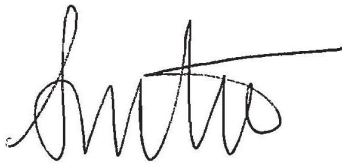
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