

**ORDER 2026-018
IN RE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT
GAMING ENTERTAINMENT (INDIANA),
LLC d/b/a RISING STAR CASINO RESORT
26-RR-01**

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

APPROVED

APPROVES OR DISAPPROVES

the proposed terms of the Settlement Agreement.


IT IS SO ORDERED THIS THE 26th DAY OF MARCH 2026.

THE INDIANA GAMING COMMISSION:



Brent Embrey, Chair

ATTEST:



Troy Helman, Secretary

**STATE OF INDIANA
INDIANA GAMING COMMISSION**

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SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

The Indiana Gaming Commission (“Commission”) by and through its Executive Director Joe Hoage and Gaming Entertainment (Indiana), LLC d/b/a Rising Star Casino Resort (“Rising Star”), (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. 68 IAC 6-3-4 (b) (1) provides the internal controls must, at a minimum, provide a plan for distributing the names and personal information of voluntarily excluded persons to appropriate personnel of the casino. The plan must allow, to a reasonable extent, appropriate employees of a casino licensee to identify a voluntarily excluded person when that person is present in a casino.
2. 68 IAC 6-3-4(e)(3) provides a casino licensee shall be subject to disciplinary action under 68 IAC 13 for failure to comply with the requirements of this section and the internal control procedures outlined under this section, including, but not limited to, failure to follow internal control procedures adopted under this rule.
3. On August 20, 2025, Gaming Agents conducted an Audit of the Voluntary Exclusion Program (“VEP”) for the month of July. It was identified that there were forty-five (45) discrepancies. Twenty-six (26) accounts were not flagged, three (3) accounts had an incorrect address, one of which also had an incorrect date of birth, one (1) account did not have mail exclusion checked, one (1) account had the incorrect sex marked, and fourteen (14) accounts did not have the VEP flag removed. Gaming Agents contacted Rising Star’s Director of Security to advise them to notify the Gaming Agents when the errors were corrected.
4. On August 25, 2025, Rising Star advised Gaming Agents that the discrepancies had been corrected. After the Gaming Agents reviewed the accounts in question, it was determined that three (3) accounts still had errors. One (1) account did not have the VEP flag removed and two (2) two accounts were not flagged. Gaming Agents contacted Rising Star to advise them that there were still errors and to contact them when all errors had been corrected.

5. On August 26, 2025, Gaming Agents were contacted by Rising Star advising that the accounts had been rectified.
6. On September 9, 2025, Gaming Agents were notified that the Director of Security, who was responsible for the discrepancies, had been terminated due to his performance.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

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

Rising Star shall pay to the Commission a total of \$13,000 in consideration for the Commission foregoing disciplinary action based on the facts specifically described in the findings of 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.

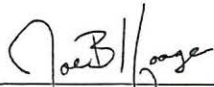
Upon execution and approval of this Agreement, Commission staff shall submit this Agreement to the Commission for review and final action. Upon approval of the Agreement by the Commission, Rising Star agrees to promptly remit payment in the amount of \$13,000 and shall waive all rights to further administrative 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.

This Agreement shall be binding upon the Commission and Rising Star.

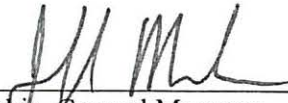
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have signed this Settlement Agreement on the date and year as set forth below.



Joe Hoage, Executive Director
Indiana Gaming Commission

March 17, 2026

Date



Jeff Michje, General Manager
Gaming Entertainment (Indiana), LLC

3-17-2026

Date