## ORDER 2013-118 AN ORDER OF THE INDIANA GAMING COMMISSION RENEWING THE RIVERBOAT OWNER'S LICENSE AND THE WRITTEN POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR HORSESHOE HAMMOND, LLC

In accordance with and subject to Indiana Code 4-33 and Title 68 of the Indiana Administrative Code, the Indiana Gaming Commission ("Commission") issued a Riverboat Owner's License to Empress Casino Hammond Corporation on June 21, 1996. By Resolution 1999-32, the Commission granted the Horseshoe Gaming Holding Corporation's application to acquire 100% of the ownership interest in Empress Casino Hammond Corporation. By Resolution 2001-8, Horseshoe Gaming Holding Corporation received the approval to change the name of the entity that holds the riverboat owner's license from Empress Casino Hammond Corporation 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 in Horseshoe Gaming Holding Corporation. 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"). Pursuant to Indiana Code 4-33-6-12, the Commission has renewed the license annually. The most recent renewal, granted on August 2, 2012 in Order 2012-143, renewed the license through June 19, 2013.

On May 6, 2013, Horseshoe requested renewal and submitted its annual renewal fee. On June 15, 2013, and under the delegation of authority granted by the Commission on April 7, 2003 in Resolution 2003-13, the Executive Director extended Horseshoe Hammond's license until such time as the Commission is able to consider the request at a regularly scheduled business meeting.

On August 2, 2012, by Order 2012-143, the Commission approved a written power of attorney identifying Charles Atwood as trustee-in-waiting for Horseshoe. Order 2012-143 stated that it would expire "upon the effectiveness of a subsequent Commission order that either: (1) addresses the renewal of Horseshoe's Casino Owner's License; or (2) modifies or withdraws the approval" of Mr. Atwood. On May 6, 2013, Horseshoe indicated in writing that it desires to continue to have Mr. Atwood as trustee-in-waiting.

## **COMMISSION ACTION**

Pursuant to Indiana Code section 4-33-6-12, the Commission has found that Horseshoe has substantially complied with the directives of Indiana Code 4-33 and Title 68 of the Indiana Administrative Code and is suitable to hold a license. The Commission **GRANTS** renewal of Horseshoe's riverboat owner's license for a period of one year subject to Horseshoe maintaining its riverboat 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 to the lawful operation or conduct of gaming in Indiana. The renewal of the riverboat owner's license is valid for a period of one year from June 20, 2013 through June 19, 2014.

Furthermore, the Commission **GRANTS** renewal of its approval of the written power of attorney identifying Charles Atwood as trustee-in-waiting for Horseshoe. The renewal of the

Commission's approval expires upon the effectiveness of a subsequent Commission order that either: (1) addresses the renewal of Horseshoe's riverboat owner's license; or (2) modifies or withdraws the renewal of its approval as granted herein.

According to IC 4-21.5-3, this order is effective fifteen (15) days after the order is served.

## IT IS SO ORDERED THIS THE 27th DAY OF JUNE, 2013.

THE INDIANA GAMING COMMISSION:

Matt Bell, Chair

ATTEST:

Marc Fine, Vice-Chair