

**Order 2016-133**  
**AN ORDER OF THE INDIANA GAMING COMMISSION RENEWING THE CASINO  
OWNER'S LICENSE AND WRITTEN POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR  
AMERISTAR CASINO EAST CHICAGO, 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 casino owner's license to Showboat Marina Casino Partnership effective April 15, 1997. By Resolution 1999-8, the Commission granted Harrah's Operating Company, Inc.'s application to acquire the Showboat Marina Casino Partnership ("Showboat"). By Resolution 2005-25, the Commission approved RIH Acquisition IN, LLC's ("RIH") purchase of substantially all assets of Showboat.

Further, by Resolution 2007-90, the Commission approved the request of Ameristar East Chicago Holdings, LLC to acquire the interests of RIH, including the riverboat that is the subject of this license. In Order 2008-61, the Commission approved a request to change the name of the license holder from RIH to Ameristar Casino East Chicago, LLC ("Ameristar").

By Order 2013-120, the Commission approved Pinnacle Entertainment, Inc.'s acquisition of Ameristar Casinos, Inc., the parent company of license-holder Ameristar. Pursuant to Ind. Code § 4-33-6-12, the license has been renewed annually since inception. The most recent renewal renewed the casino owner's license through April 14, 2016.

On March 9, 2016, Ameristar requested renewal and submitted payment of its annual renewal fee. On April 7, 2016, under delegation of authority granted by the Commission in Resolution 2003-13, the Executive Director extended Ameristar's license until such time as the Commission is able to consider the request at a regularly scheduled business meeting.

On June 27, 2013, by Order 2013-117, the Commission approved a written power of attorney identifying Angela Frost as trustee-in-waiting for Ameristar. On June 26, 2014, by 2014-128, the Commission approved a modification of power of attorney identifying Ronald Gifford as trustee-in-waiting for Ameristar. Order 2014-128 stated Mr. Gifford's trustee-in-waiting status would expire "upon effectiveness of subsequent Commission order that either: (1) addresses renewal of the licenses; or (2) modifies or withdraws the renewal of its approval as granted herein." On March 9, 2016, Ameristar indicated in writing that it desires to continue to have Mr. Gifford as trustee-in-waiting.

**COMMISSION ACTION**

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

to the lawful operation or conduct of gaming in Indiana. The renewal of the casino owner's license is valid for a period of one year from April 15, 2016 to April 14, 2017.

Furthermore, the Commission **GRANTS** renewal of its approval of the written power of attorney identifying Mr. Ronald Gifford as trustee-in-waiting for Ameristar. The renewal of the Commission's approval expires upon the effectives of a subsequent Commission order that either: (1) addresses the renewal of Ameristar's casino owner's license; or (2) modifies or withdraws the renewal of its approval as granted herein.

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

**IT IS SO ORDERED THIS 19<sup>th</sup> DAY OF MAY, 2016.**

**THE INDIANA GAMING COMMISSION**

  
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Cris Johnston, Chair

ATTEST:

  
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Joseph Svetanoff, Secretary