

ORDER 2016-135
AN ORDER OF THE INDIANA GAMING COMMISSION
PROSPECTIVELY RENEWING THE CASINO OWNER'S LICENSE
AND WRITTEN POWER OF ATTORNEY
FOR HORSESHOE HAMMOND, LLC

In accordance with and subject to Ind. Code § 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% of the ownership interest in Empress. By Resolution 2001-8, Holding received the approval to change the name of the entity that holds 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 in 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. The most recent renewal renewed the casino owner's license through June 19, 2016.

On April 13, 2016, Horseshoe Hammond requested renewal and submitted its annual renewal fee.

On March 19, 2015, by Order 2015-53, the Commission approved the written power of attorney modification naming Thomas Thanas as trustee-in-waiting for Horseshoe Hammond. Order 2015-53 stated that it 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 13, 2016, Horseshoe Hammond indicated in writing that it desires to continue to have Mr. Thanas as trustee-in-waiting.

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 § 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, 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 or conduct of gaming in Indiana. The renewal of the casino owner's license is valid for a period of one year from June 20, 2016 through June 19, 2017.

Furthermore, the Commission **GRANTS** renewal of its approval of the written power of attorney identifying Thomas Thanas 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 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.

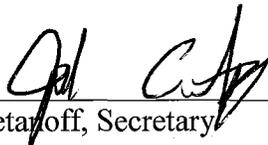
IT IS SO ORDERED THIS 19th DAY OF MAY, 2016.

THE INDIANA GAMING COMMISSION



Cris Johnston, Chair

ATTEST:



Joseph Svetaroff, Secretary