

ORDER 2020-07
AN ORDER OF THE INDIANA GAMING COMMISSION APPROVING A
DEBT TRANSACTION PROPOSED BY PENN NATIONAL GAMING, INC.

On May 8, 2020, Penn National Gaming, Inc. (“Penn”) requested Indiana Gaming Commission (“Commission”) approval to undertake debt activity that would be subject to Ind. Code § 4-33-4-21 and 68 IAC 5-3, along with a waiver of the applicable procedural requirements set forth in 68 IAC 5-3, pursuant to Resolution 2017-109. Penn is the parent company of Ameristar Casino East Chicago, LLC and Indiana Gaming Company, LLC d/b/a Hollywood Casino. The Commission reviews proposed debt transactions to analyze the financial health of casino licensees and to ensure that a casino owner’s license is not leased or hypothecated and that money is not borrowed or loaned against a casino owner’s license.

The Commission has considered the following factors:

1. Penn explained the details of the debt activity in confidential documents provided to the Commission;
2. The Commission has analyzed Penn’s request to undertake debt activity and the request for waiver of applicable procedural requirements; and
3. On May 11, 2020, an interim approval of this transaction was granted by the Executive Director pursuant to the delegation of authority found in Resolution 2017-109. Prior to issuing the interim approval, the transaction was reviewed by the Executive Director, the Commission Chair, and the Commission Member who is a Certified Public Accountant. Resolution 2017-109 requires that an interim approval must be reported at the next business meeting held under 68 IAC 2-1-5 for consideration and full Commission action.

COMMISSION ACTION

The Commission finds that the “two-meeting” rule, as provided in 68 IAC 5-3-2, is impractical and burdensome and that a waiver is in the best interest of the public and the gaming industry. Based on the foregoing and in accordance with its authority under 68 IAC 1-2-13, the Commission hereby **APPROVES** Penn’s request for a waiver of the “two meeting” requirement.

The Commission has considered Penn’s proposed transaction in accordance with 68 IAC 5-3 and has carefully weighed the request, the supporting documentation, and the report of the Commission’s financial director. Based on the foregoing, the Commission hereby **APPROVES** Penn’s debt request, subject to the following conditions:

1. The terms articulated in the final financing documentation do not materially differ from the terms that Penn has presented in writing for approval to date;
2. The terms of the final documentation do not violate Ind. Code § 4-33-4-21;
3. Penn provides the Commission with a legal opinion demonstrating compliance with Ind. Code § 4-33-4-21, if it has not already; and
4. Penn having closed the proposed financings on or before May 31, 2020.

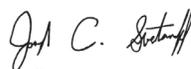
IT IS SO ORDERED THIS 10th DAY OF JULY, 2020.

THE INDIANA GAMING COMMISSION:



Michael B. McMains, Chair

ATTEST:



Joseph Svetanoff, Secretary