

ORDER 2020-96

**AN ORDER OF THE INDIANA GAMING COMMISSION RENEWING THE CASINO OWNER'S
LICENSE AND THE WRITTEN POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR
GAMING ENTERTAINMENT (INDIANA), LLC**

In accordance with Ind. Code art. 4-33 and Title 68 of the Indiana Administrative Code, the Indiana Gaming Commission ("Commission") issued a casino owner's license to Grand Victoria Casino and Resort, LP ("Grand Victoria") effective September 16, 1996. On March 17, 2011, the Commission approved Grand Victoria's application for transfer of ownership of its operating assets and a licensee name change to Gaming Entertainment (Indiana), LLC ("Rising Star"). The license has been renewed annually since inception, most recently on August 28, 2019, which renewed the license through September 15, 2020.

On July 22, 2020, Rising Star requested renewal of its owner's license and submitted payment of the annual renewal fee in the amount of \$5,000. On September 1, 2020, pursuant to a delegation of authority granted by the Commission in Resolution 2019-257, the Executive Director extended the license through a date when the Commission could consider Rising Star's request.

On August 28, 2019, by Order 2019-160, the Commission approved the renewal of a written power of attorney identifying Ronald Gifford as trustee-in-waiting for Rising Star. Order 2019-160 stated that it would expire "upon the effectiveness of a subsequent Commission order that either: (1) addresses the renewal of Rising Star's casino owner's license; or (2) modifies or withdraws the renewal of its approval" of Mr. Gifford. On July 22, 2020, Rising Star 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 Rising Star has substantially complied with the directives of Ind. Code art. 4-33 and Title 68 of the Indiana Administrative Code; therefore, Rising Star is suitable to hold a casino owner's license. The Commission **GRANTS** renewal of Rising Star's casino owner's license for a period of one year subject to Rising Star maintaining its casino 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 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 September 16, 2020 through September 15, 2021.

Furthermore, the Commission **APPROVES** renewal of its approval of the written power of attorney identifying Ronald Gifford as trustee-in-waiting for Rising Star. The renewal of the Commission's approval expires upon the effectiveness of a subsequent Commission order that either: (1) addresses the renewal of Rising Star'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 23rd DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2020.

THE INDIANA GAMING COMMISSION:

ATTEST:



Michael B. McMains, Chair



Jason Dudich, Secretary