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NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULES

<u>Date of Proposal:</u> December 7, 2015

Proposal Number(s): PRN 2015-161

Proposal Description: PRN 2015-161

N.J.A.C. 13:690-1.2 Internet and Mobile Gaming Location of Servers

<u>Summary of Proposal(s)</u>: A summary of the proposals are posted at:

http://www.nj.gov/oag/ge/proposed\_rules.htm

Currently, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:69O-1.2, a casino operator's primary gaming equipment used to conduct Internet or mobile gaming shall be located, with the prior approval of the Division, in a restricted area on the premises of the casino hotel within the territorial limits of Atlantic City, New Jersey. Subject to Division approval, a casino operator may use backup equipment located in a restricted area on the premises of a casino hotel facility within the territorial limits of Atlantic City to conduct Internet gaming for a time period not to exceed 60 days unless otherwise authorized by the Division.

In order to make the regulations consistent with recent statutory amendments, the proposed amendment to N.J.A.C. 13:690-1.2 sets

forth an alternative for the storage of a casino operator's primary gaming equipment used to conduct Internet or mobile gaming. More specifically, the proposed amendment indicates that a casino operator's primary gaming equipment used to conduct Internet or mobile gaming may be located in another facility owned or leased by the casino licensee that is secure, inaccessible to the public, and specifically designed to house that equipment. Furthermore, the equipment shall be under the complete control of the casino licensee or its Internet gaming affiliate, within the territorial limits of Atlantic City, New Jersey. The proposed amendment also specifies that a secure facility within Atlantic City that is owned or leased by the casino licensee to house Internet gaming equipment shall be considered to be part of the casino hotel facility, notwithstanding that the facility may not be contiguous with the premises of the casino hotel.

Additionally, the proposed amendment indicates that the backup equipment used to conduct Internet or mobile gaming may be located and stored in the same aforementioned manner in which the primary equipment is located and stored. Furthermore, backup equipment that is not used to conduct Internet or mobile gaming but which is used only to restore data to primary Internet gaming equipment may be located outside of the territorial limits of Atlantic City but within the State of New Jersey

## <u>Public Comment:</u>

The public comment period is through February 5, 2016.

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