



principal place of business located at Brighton Avenue and the Boardwalk, Atlantic City, New Jersey 08401.

2. Tropicana is the holder of a casino license issued on or about November 26, 1982. At all times relevant herein, Tropicana was authorized to conduct casino gaming within its casino hotel facility.

3. N.J.A.C.13:69F-26.2(a) provides, in pertinent part that:

Double attack blackjack shall be played with six or eight decks of cards, with backs of the same color and design and one additional cutting card. The decks shall meet the requirements of N.J.A.C. 13:69E-1.17(a) and shall consist of 48 cards, with the 10 of each suit having been removed from each deck during the inspection required by N.J.A.C. 13:69F-26.3. The cutting card shall be opaque and a solid color readily distinguishable from the color of the backs and edges of the playing cards.

4. N.J.A.C.13:69F-26.7(j) provides, in pertinent part, that:

Whenever the cutting card is reached in the deal of the cards, the dealer shall continue dealing the cards until that round of play is completed, after which the dealer shall:

1. Collect the cards as provided in (h) above;
2. Remove the cards remaining in the shoe and place them in the discard rack to ensure that no cards are missing; and
3. Shuffle the cards.

5. On December 1, 2012, Tropicana offered the game of Double

Attack blackjack, table DABJ-01, to the public.

6. At approximately 6:46 p.m., on December 1, 2012, the dealer at table DABJ-01 inadvertently dropped approximately 15 cards to the floor as he was removing cards from the dealing shoe to place them in the discard rack.

7. Subsequent to the events described in Paragraph 6, the dealer and the floorperson assigned to the gaming pit picked up the cards which had fallen to the floor with the exception of an Ace of Hearts, which was inadvertently left on the gaming floor by the games personnel.

8. From 6:46 p.m. through 6:52 p.m., the dealer at table DABJ-01 counted the cards to verify that all cards were accounted for, however, he miscounted and failed to detect a missing card (the Ace of Hearts).

9. On December 2, 2012, at approximately 8:33 a.m. Tropicana closed gaming table DABJ-01.

10. On December 4, 2012, at approximately 4:12 p.m., Tropicana discovered that the Ace of Hearts was missing from the cards taken from DABJ-01 on December 2, 2012. At approximately 4:32 p.m. Tropicana's shift manager searched the pit and the area of table DABJ-01 and discovered the missing card (Ace of Hearts)

under a leg of the table.

11. On December 1, 2012 through December 2, 2012, Tropicana dealt the game of Double Attack Blackjack for approximately 14 hours during which time an Ace of Hearts was missing from the decks of cards.

12. Based upon the information in Paragraphs 1 through 11, above, Tropicana, for 14 hours, dealt the game of Double Attack Blackjack with an Ace of Hearts missing in violation of N.J.A.C.13:69F-26.2(a).

13. Based upon the information in Paragraphs 1 through 11, above, Tropicana, by its games personnel, failed to ensure that no cards were missing from the decks of cards, in violation of N.J.A.C.13:69F-26.7(j).

WHEREFORE, Complainant demands judgment as follows:

A. Judgment that Tropicana, by dealing the game of Double Attack Blackjack with an Ace of Hearts missing for 14 hours, violated N.J.A.C. 13:69F-26.2(a);

B. Judgment that Tropicana, by its games personnel, failed to ensure that no cards were missing from the decks of cards, in violation of N.J.A.C.13:69F-26.7(j);

C. Judgment imposing an appropriate monetary penalty pursuant to N.J.S.A. 5:12-129(5) upon Golden Nugget for said violations; and,

D. Judgment imposing such other relief as may be deemed just and appropriate.

Respectfully submitted,

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