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RE: Tropicana Petition #0311301

Dear Ms. Hughes:

The staff of the Division of Gaming Enforcement's (Division) Regulatory Enforcement Bureau has reviewed Petition #0311301 filed by Tropicana Atlantic City Corp. d/b/a Tropicana Casino and Resort (Tropicana) dated January 31, 2013 and subsequent letters dated February 05 and 07, 2013. Tropicana is seeking approval to amend its Certificate of Operation and Casino Hotel Alcoholic Beverage (CHAB) License.

The Tropicana is currently operating under the Certificate of Operation which was approved in Petition #1311202 on May 18, 2012, by the Division of Gaming Enforcement.

By Petition #0311301, Tropicana seeks approval to complete modifications to its casino floor as depicted on the architectural drawing labeled OP-88-1 and OP-88-2 dated January 25, 2013, which was prepared and certified by Kimberly McCarron, RA, License #AI-16521, of SOSH Architects.



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The petitioner proposes the following:

1. Decrease the casino floor area by **8,916** square feet. Slot Zone B will be reduced in size by 6,495 square feet. Slot Zone C will be reduced in size by 1,825 square feet. Slot Zone K (The Quarter) will be reduced in size by 596 square feet. Slot Zone H will increase in size by 242 square feet. Gaming Pit #25 will increase in size by 543 square feet. Gaming Pit #14 will increase in size by 722 square feet. Gaming Pit #7 will be reduced in size by 1,507 square feet.
2. All slot machines on the casino floor will be renumbered using a new system. Specifically, a 100-series prefix for each slot bank will be used.
3. Slot Zone B Remove twenty (20) slot machines and stools.
4. Slot Zone C Remove twenty-eight (28) slot machines and twenty-seven (27) slot stools.
5. Slot Zone E Remove one (1) redemption kiosk.
6. Slot Zone F Remove one (1) redemption kiosk. Renumber one (1) redemption kiosk. Reconfigure four (4) existing redemption kiosks.
7. Slot Zone G Remove four (4) slot machines and stools and replace with five (5) slot machines and stools.
8. Slot Zone K Remove fifteen (15) slot machines and twelve (12) slot stools.
9. Slot Zone W Remove four (4) slot machines and stools and replace with five (5) slot machines and stools.
10. Slot Zone Y Remove two (2) redemption kiosks. Add two (2) redemption kiosks. Reconfigure six (6) existing redemption kiosks.
11. Pit #7 Remove four (4) gaming tables.
12. Pit #9 Reconfigure ten (10) gaming tables.
13. Pit #9 A new alternate configuration created which will add two (2) gaming tables.
14. Pit #10 Remove two (2) gaming tables. Add one (1) gaming table.

15. Pit #10 Three new alternate configurations created resulting in no change to the number of table games.
16. Pit #14 Ten (10) gaming tables relocated to a new pit area.
17. Pit #25 Remove five (5) gaming tables. Relocate five (5) gaming tables within the Rumba Lounge.

The summary of the statistical calculations is as follows:

1. A decrease of sixty-one (61) slot machines and fifty-seven (57) slot stools. The total number of slot machines is **2,616** and the total number of slot stools is **2,579**.
2. A decrease of ten (10) table games for a new total of **133** table games for the base plan of OP-88.
 - a) When Alternate configuration #1 for Pit #10 is in use, the total number of table games remain unchanged.
 - b) When Alternate configuration #2 for Pit #10 is in use, the total number of table games remain unchanged.
 - c) When Alternate configuration #3 for Pit #10 is in use, the total number of table games remain unchanged.
 - d) When Alternate configuration #4 for Pit #9 is in use, the total number of table games will increase by two (2) table games.
3. The total gaming area will be reduced from one hundred thirty-two thousand eight hundred ninety-six (**132,896**) square feet to one hundred twenty-three thousand nine hundred eighty (**123,980**) square feet, a net decrease of eight thousand nine hundred sixteen (**8,916**) square feet.
4. The allowable slot coverage (90% of 123,980 sq. ft.) is one hundred eleven thousand five hundred eighty-two (111,582) square feet.
5. The actual slot coverage is eighty eight thousand four hundred fifty-six (**88,456**) square feet which is 71.35% of the total gaming area and within the allowable 90% for slot density.

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Based on the Division's authority, the requested amendments to Tropicana's Certificate of Operation and CHAB license as set forth above, are hereby granted pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:69C7.1, et seq. This approval authorizes a casino room containing and consisting of **123,980** square feet of total gaming space, **133** table games, **2,616** slot machines and **2,579** slot stools as referenced in the Petitioner's letter.

Please note that although the blueprint depicts areas of the gaming floor as smoking and nonsmoking, the designation of smoking areas in casinos is subject to the jurisdiction of the N.J. Department of Health and Senior Services and the Atlantic City Department of Health and Human Services, not the Division. Accordingly, this letter should in no way be construed as approving areas of the gaming floor for smoking.

This approval is subject to the following conditions:

- A. That revised operational blueprints reflecting the changes approved herein be submitted to the Division's Regulatory Enforcement Bureau, casino licensee's security podium and the casino licensee's CCTV monitoring room;
- B. That a revised Table Game and Roulette Wheel inventory list are submitted to the in-house Division office;
- C. That a revised Slot Master List is submitted to the Technical Service Bureau of the Division;
- D. That an updated security and surveillance submission be approved by the Division reflecting new table game drop routes, chip fill credit routes, card distribution routes and staffing of security particularly relative to **Pits 14 and 25 prior to it's opening**;
- E. That Tropicana notify the Division immediately in the event of any modification to the approvals granted herein;
- F. That Tropicana complies with CCTV requirements identified in N.J.A.C. 13:69D-1.10 regarding the requirements to record all gaming tables whether active or inactive;
- G. That all CCTV cameras must be accessible from the Division's CCTV monitoring system as required by N.J.A.C. 13:69D-1.10(a)3;
- H. That the request for CHAB changes will be subject to review by the Division's Regulatory Prosecution Bureau, and will require an order from the Division of Gaming Enforcement should the request be approved;

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- I. That Tropicana complies with all requirements and conditions appended to approvals received from all involved agencies of government whose approvals are required in order for a Certificate of Occupancy for the general public to be issued including, but not limited to, the Department of Community Affairs and the local construction official; and,
- J. Once modifications have been completed, a satisfactory inspection and approval by the Division is required to ensure the changes made conform to the petition. The review also includes, but is not limited to, an assessment of the adequacy of CCTV and security coverage. Such inspection must be done **prior to the proposed areas being used for gaming activity.**

To schedule an inspection, please contact the Division at inspections@njdge.org.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Bill Kendzierski of my staff at 441-7557.

Sincerely,



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