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DIVISION OF GAMING ENFORCEMENT
File No.: D-01-21-116
Docket No.: 22-0881-VC

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| STATE OF NEW JERSEY, DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY, DIVISION OF GAMING ENFORCEMENT,<br><br>Complainant<br><br>v.<br><br>TSG INTERACTIVE U.S. SERVICES d/b/a POKERSTARS,<br><br>Respondent. | : | Civil Action<br><br>**ORDER** |

The Division of Gaming Enforcement ("Division") having filed a complaint on November 14, 2022 against TSG Interactive U.S. Services d/b/a PokerStars ("PokerStars") seeking a sanction for permitting individuals to wager online from outside of New Jersey; and

Having considered the relevant provisions of the Casino Control Act, *N.J.S.A*. 5:12-1 *et seq*., and the regulations promulgated thereunder, specifically for failing to comply with geolocation requirements in violation of *N.J.S.A.* 5:12-95.23, *N.J.A.C.* 13:69O-1.2(e)(2) and *N.J.A.C.* 13:69D-2.3(d); and

Having considered that 96 patrons were able to wager without a geolocation check in violation of the above statute and regulations; and

Having considered *N.J.S.A.* 5:12-95.23 provides that "The account wager shall be placed directly with the casino licensee by the holder of the wagering account and the casino licensee has verified the account holder's physical presence in this State."; and

Having considered *N.J.A.C.* 13:69O-1.2(e)2 provides that "Internet gaming shall only occur within the State of New Jersey…" ; and

Having considered *N.J.A.C.* 13:69D-2.3(d) provides in pertinent part that a casino licensee "shall ensure all software utilized works as intended and functions properly in compliance with the Division's rules prior to installation." ; and

Having considered the Stipulation of Settlement which the parties executed and finding sufficient legal and factual support for the recommended penalty therein; and

As an appropriate sanction against Respondent PokerStars pursuant to *N.J.S.A.* 5:12-129a(5) for the above-referenced violations, PokerStars agrees to the imposition of a civil penalty in the amount of $15,000; and

PokerStars also agrees to the disgorgement of $5,916.29, which is the total amount that PokerStars profited from the patrons;

I hereby **ORDER** that the civil penalty in the amount of $15,000 and the disgorgement of $5,916.29 of improper profits, as agreed by the parties in the Stipulation of Settlement, be imposed upon PokerStars, payable upon receipt of an invoice from the Division.

Dated: May 23, 2023

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DIRECTOR