

**NATIONAL INDIAN GAMING
COMMISSION****Fee Rates**

AGENCY: National Indian Gaming Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given, 25 CFR 514.1 is being amended to include class III revenues in the revenue base, eliminate the minimum rate that can be charged, and increase the total amount of fees that can be imposed. These amendments are being published in the **Federal Register** today and will become effective on April 13, 1998.

Pursuant to 25 CFR 514.1(a)(3), the National Indian Gaming Commission has adopted preliminarily annual fee rates of 0.00% for tier 1 and 0.08% (.0008) for tier 2 for calendar year 1998. These rates shall apply to all assessable gross revenues from each gaming operation under the jurisdiction of the Commission.

All fee payments for calendar year 1998 should be made under the regulations as amended.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Cindy Altimus, National Indian Gaming Commission, 1441 L Street, NW, Suite 9100, Washington, DC 20005; telephone 202/632-7003; fax 202/632-7066 (these are not toll-free numbers).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Indian Gaming Regulatory Act established the National Indian Gaming Commission which is charged with, among other things, regulating gaming on Indian lands. Recent amendments to the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act add class III gaming revenues to the assessable gross revenue base, increase the total amount of fees that can be imposed, eliminate the minimum rate that can be charged, and provide for an exemption for self-regulated tribes such as the Mississippi Band of Choctaw.

The regulations of the Commission (25 CFR part 514), as amended, provided for a system of fee assessment

and payment that is self-administered by gaming operations. Pursuant to those regulations, the Commission is required to adopt and communicate assessment rates; the gaming operations are required to apply those rates to their revenues, compute the fees to be paid, report the revenues, and remit the fees to the Commission on a quarterly basis.

The regulations of the Commission and the rate being adopted today are effective for calendar year 1998. Therefore, all gaming operations within the jurisdiction of the Commission are required to self-administer the provisions of these regulations and report and pay any fees that are due to the Commission by March 31, 1998 or no later than April 13, 1998, the date the amendments become effective.

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