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IN RE: MASON-DIXON RESORTS, L.P.

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I'm Greg Fajt, Chairman of the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board, and as is our normal practice, I'd like to ask everyone to please turn off their cell phones or PDAs or put them on vibrate as they tend to interfere with the intercom system here in the building. Also, just as a housekeeping matter, the restrooms are up the stairs in the lobby and to the right, and there's also a vending machine availability in that same area. So, outside, up the steps and to the right.

Today we'll be holding two Category 3 Licensing Hearings. First we will have the hearing on Mason-Dixon Resorts, L.P. Application, and then later today we will hold the hearing for Bushkill Group, Inc. Tomorrow, beginning at 10:00 a.m., we will have the hearings on the Woodlands Fayette, L.L.C. and Penn Harris Gaming, L.P. Applications. After these four 21 hearings, the Board will consider and evaluate all four applicants, and then will have the task of exercising our discretionary authority and decide whether the Board believes awarding this one remaining license to one of these applicants will best serve the Commonwealth's and the public's interest as outlined in Act 71. It is the Board's desire to be able to announce a decision on this matter at either its

December 16th or January 6th meeting.

The purpose of these hearings are twofold. First, to determine whether the applicant is eligible to hold the Category 3 License, and also whether the applicant is suitable to hold a license pursuant to the Pennsylvania Race Horse Development and Gaming Act. The Category 3 License is for facilities to be located in well-established resort hotels. The authority and specific requirements for such a license is found at Section 1305 of the Pennsylvania Race Horse Development and Gaming Act.

With that by way of background, I would now like to call the Mason-Dixon Resort hearing to order. As I indicated, the purpose of these proceedings is to provide Mason-Dixon Resorts a final hearing to introduce evidence to provide to the Board's satisfaction that they are eligible and suitable for licensure, as well as to convince the Board that they should be selected for the available license.

In addition, these hearings provide an opportunity for the applicants to answer any questions

1 that the Board may have relating to their application.

2 And I just realized, looking over at the flag, we

3 haven't done the Pledge of Allegiance. I don't know

I if that's the normal starting point for a public

5 hearing, but I think we ought to stop and do that.

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PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE RECITED

## CHAIRMAN:

9 All right. Now back to the matter at hand. The public previously had opportunities to be 10 heard with respect to this applicant, both during the 11 public input hearing, which lasted multiple days, and 12 13 through written comments and correspondence which the 14 Board received. All of the public testimony and 15 comments, as well as objections to some of it, will be taken into consideration by the Board when 16 17 deliberating on this applicant. Before Mason-Dixon begins its presentation, I would ask our Deputy Chief 18 Counsel, Steve Cook, to briefly address the review of 19 20 this application by staff. Steve?

# ATTORNEY COOK:

Thank you, Mr. Chairman, Members of the
Board. Each Category 3 applicant has undergone
lengthy and thorough review --- each application has
undergone a lengthy and thorough review. The parties

to these proceedings are the applicants themselves and the Office of Enforcement Counsel (OEC), representing the Bureau of Licensing, the Bureau of Investigations and Enforcement (BIE), and the Financial Investigation Unit within the Bureau of Investigations.

The application of Mason-Dixon Resorts,

L.P. was filed at the Pennsylvania Gaming Control

Board on April 7th, 2010. A public input hearing was
then held in Adams County, Pennsylvania, beginning on

August 31st, 2010, during which time Mason-Dixon

Resort made a presentation concerning its project,
including oral testimony as well as the submission of
documentary exhibits. During the course of that
hearing, speakers other than the applicant presented
their either support for or opposition to the proposed
project. That hearing was recorded and transcribed.

Additionally, the Pennsylvania Gaming
Control Board placed materials submitted by
Mason-Dixon on its website to allow greater public
access to the information concerning the proposals,
the projections, the studies, and all materials
presented to the Board. These documents included
local impact reports. The dissemination of this
information permitted the Board's receipt of written
submissions, both in support of and opposition to the

project. As of the deadline for submission of written comments, the Board received 30,915 submissions from 2 members of the public, although some of these 3 submissions have been objected to. These objections themselves are also part of the record.

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In addition, the Bureau of Licensing, the BIE, and the Financial Investigations Unit, in conjunction with the accounting firm of Urish, Popeck & Company, L.L.C. has undertaken a review of the applicant consistent with the mandates of the Act. The result of this licensing investigative phase of 12 the application process is the creation of the suitability report, which summarizes the findings of the Bureaus as to the applicant's compliance with the Act's licensing eligibility and suitability requirements.

Further, in its application, Mason-Dixon submitted a traffic study for the Board's consideration of the effect on local traffic if Mason-Dixon were to be granted a Category 3 License. 21 Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board retained the firm of McCormick Taylor to review and study the issue of traffic. Albert Federico, Senior Traffic Engineer with McCormick Taylor, is here today, and will make a presentation to the Board.

I'd also now like to discuss stipulations 1 2 of exhibits for the record. Mason-Dixon Resorts, L.P. 3 and the Office of Chief Counsel (OCC) have entered into a stipulation regarding the admission of certain documents in the record in these proceedings; specifically, the application-related documents, the suitability report provided to the Board, the public input hearing transcript and exhibits, public input written comments, objections to some of those 10 comments, the local impact report, traffic studies and correspondence related thereto, as well as all the 11 filings made with the Office of Hearings and Appeals 12 13 (OHA) related to this application. Each of these items are identified and offered as Exhibits One 14 through Nine, and are to be admitted into the record 15 as stipulated evidentiary records for the Board's 16 17 consideration.

(Exhibits One through Nine marked for identification.)

# ATTORNEY COOK:

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Of particular note, relative to the stipulated evidence, is the testimonial stipulation, which is Exhibit Eight today. That testimonial stipulation outlines the procedure employed by the Bureau of Licensing, the BIE, and the Financial

Investigation Unit in doing its work related to this 1 2 application. In addition to the evidence I just described, the transcript of these proceedings today, 3 and any evidence submitted as exhibits in connection with these proceedings, will also be admitted into the record, as well as any post-hearing memorandum. That's all I have, Chairman.

## CHAIRMAN:

Thank you very much, Steve. We'd now like to call upon representatives of Mason-Dixon 11 Resorts, L.P. to make their presentation. Would all 12 individuals who will present testimony today who are not lawyers please stand to be sworn in?

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15 WITNESSES SWORN EN MASSE

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#### 17 CHAIRMAN:

Thank you. Again, just as a matter of housekeeping. Before each individual begins speaking on behalf of Mason-Dixon, if you could please state your name and then spell your name for the stenographer. And with that, you may begin, Counselor.

# ATTORNEY SCHRIER:

Thank you. Good morning, Mr. Chairmen,

Members of the Board. Ladies and gentlemen, my name
is Stephen D. Schrier, S-C-H-R-I-E-R, and I'm with the
law firm of Blank Rome, L.L.P. in Philadelphia. I'm
pleased to be here today representing Mason-Dixon
Resorts, L.P., the applicant for a Category 3 License
under the Pennsylvania Race Horse Development and
Gaming Act. Here today with me is my co-counsel,
Thomas Dwyer and Eric Fikry from the law firm of Blank
Rome, and co-counsel Kevin Hayes and James Doherty
from the law firm of Doherty Hayes.

Before we begin our proposal, I'd also like to introduce the rest of our team. The principals are all in attendance here today, and I'll read their names, if they would just stand. David LeVan, Jennifer LeVan, Joseph Lashinger, Bernard Yannetti, Michael Jackson.

Also, we have with us today key representatives from our esteemed partner in this project, the most successful and well-positioned gaming company in the industry, Penn National Gaming. We have Steve Snyder, Senior Vice President for Corporate Operations; Tom Auriemma, Chief Compliance Officer; Karen Bailey, Director of Public Affairs; Walter Bogumil, Vice President of Finance; and Sue Reyes, Vice President of Human Resources of Hollywood

Casino at Penn National Race Course.

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2 Also with us today, we have our experts 3 and our presenters; Don Dissinger, Senior Vice President of Ewing Cole; Michael Mariano, Managing Director of the firm of Econsult; Daniel Thornton, Professional Engineer, Senior Associate of TRG; Dr. G. Terry Madonna, President, Terry Madonna Opinion Research; Mr. Ben Thomas, Township Manager, Cumberland Township, Adams County. And also have Peter Tyson, Vice President of PKF Consulting; Randall Fine, 10 President of the Fine Point Group; Brendan Synnamon, 11 12 President of the Gettysburg Battlefield Preservation Association; and the Honorable Paul E. Winfield, the 13 mayor of Vicksburg, Mississippi. 14

These representatives will be available at the conclusion of our presentation to field any questions that you may have. And as you know, their full reports were submitted to the Board, and are available as part of the public file. If your desk looks anything like my desk for the last few weeks, those reports are stacked pretty high.

On behalf of Mason-Dixon and its principals, I'd like to begin by thanking the Board and its staff for the exceptional professionalism and fairness with which we were treated throughout this

entire process. As this Board is well aware, the 1 2 Pennsylvania Race Horse Development and Gaming Act provides for specific criteria that must be satisfied 3 before any applicant will be considered eliqible for a license. Once an applicant is deemed eligible, this Board bears the important task of determining which applicant is best suited to meet the goals of the Gaming Act and benefit all the citizens of the Commonwealth. I respectfully submit to the Board that 10 the Mason-Dixon Resort has successfully met its burden of proof, and meets or exceeds all of the 11 qualifications required to be eligible and suitable 12 13 for a Category 3 License by clear and convincing 14 evidence.

It's our intent today to present a project to you which will enhance and showcase Pennsylvania's gaming industry. The principals of this project intend on placing a gaming facility at the Eisenhower Hotel and Conference Center, a landmark hospitality facility located on a 150-acre parcel of land with 307 hotel rooms, a lake, tennis courts, indoor and outdoor swimming pools, ballroom, and 76,000 square feet of meeting and exposition space. This facility has served citizens and visitors to Adams County and Gettysburg for almost 40 years. The

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submissions provided to the Board in the application clearly qualify Mason-Dixon Resort as a well-established resort hotel, as defined by Section 1305 of the Gaming Act.

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At this time, it's my pleasure to introduce one of the co-principals of the project and Mason-Dixon Resorts, L.P., Mr. Joseph Lashinger. Joe is no stranger to Pennsylvania or to Pennsylvania Gaming. After serving in the Pennsylvania legislature, Joe was part of Penn National Gaming. you're all aware, he was a visionary in successfully developing the Harrah's Chester Casino and Racetrack from an empty, brown field site. Well, Joe was similarly instrumental in bringing this project together. Joe.

# MR. LASHINGER:

Thank you, Steve. Good morning, Mr. Good morning, honorable Members of the Chairman. Board, and good morning Gaming Board staff. Let me first say it took everything we had to prevent Dave 21 LeVan from wearing his Eagles jersey here today. also would ask you that you strike from the record if he does the Eagles cheer before his testimony.

My name is Joe Lashinger, and I'm pleased as the founder and former owner and operator of the

1 historic casino built in Chester, Pennsylvania, to 2 return to what I believe to be an equally historic and worthwhile project. There are many similarities in 3 the effort, paramount in both Chester and this Cumberland Township effort has been the benefit that has spread through the entire community, the synergies with existing businesses, and not just benefits to the operator of the facility. I'm also pleased and excited because this Mason-Dixon Resort team that 10 Steve Schrier introduced earlier is the best, hardest working, and most sincere team that I've ever worked 11 12 with on a casino resort development.

What you will find from the presenters today, what I'll call this Pennsylvania Dream Team --and if you look around the room, most of the companies that are here are Pennsylvania-based companies that have done iconic projects, both in gaming and nongaming, across the Commonwealth, and people that have appeared before this Board in a number of other different projects.

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Penn National, who Steve said I had the unusual opportunity to work with, Steve, and those people in the industry would tell you that they are 24 best in class at this point in history in gaming, and best in breed --- not only from the Wall Street

perspective, but from an operations perspective.

Peter Tyson from PKF and I were involved in the same topic in 1984 in Pennsylvania in the Pocono Mountain region, and he's back here today as part of this project. Don Dissinger is with Ewing Cole, who has done a number of those important projects around the

Commonwealth.

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So, I could go on and on about the integrity and a desire to do what's right for Cumberland Township, Adams County, and the Commonwealth, but more important to tell you why Dave LeVan and I, and Penn National, pursue a gaming opportunity in south central Pennsylvania. It starts with the map that's in front of the Board, and with the obvious gap in gaming opportunity, or gaming service for the residents of Pennsylvania. But it also started with a discussion that Dave LeVan and I had, my knowing of his desire to continue on in his effort from 2006 in a different way, but a desire to do it in his hometown community, Dave's a resident of Cumberland Township, and in the county that's been very important to him throughout his career. was a follow up to these efforts in 2006. His spirit has never waned from 2006 when I was part of the process in a different part of the state. He did

question me, however, about my willingness to develop in an environment where he knew there was a deep, deep well of support for a project, but a project that would always be suppressed by persistent demagoguery in the community.

You will see today that our transparent approach to the development of the Eisenhower Hotel and Conference Center, and also our entertaining resort, has finally allowed the community to confidently step into the light of support for such a project.

Let me tell you a little bit why I think
I'm fit for this purpose, and to be a part of this
presentation, and I hope and trust that our question
and answer period later will draw that out. But you
need to know that I've been attached to this issue of
gaming development in Pennsylvania for almost 30
years. I've missed a lot of years in collecting
baseball cards and baseball memorabilia, and instead I
collected data on gaming operations and data points of
how gaming operations --- with a career focus on
Pennsylvania during that period. It was former
representative David Sweet and myself that traveled
throughout the Poconos in 1984 with what was then
known as the Sweet-Lashinger Bill, calling for resort

casinos in the Pocono Mountain region only. I spent 14 years in the General Assembly shepherding this issue.

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I left at the end of 1990 and represented the predecessor company to Isle of Capri, then known as Steamboat Development Company, in their first efforts at riverboat gaming here in Pennsylvania after their first success in Iowa with the passage of gaming outside of Atlantic City and Nevada. I've been associated with many of the great minds in development and in operation in gaming. Jack and Brad (phonetic) at the Sands, a company that was later acquired through Steve and Peter Carlino and the team at Penn National body. Penn National was then known as Hollywood Casino. Arthur Goldberg at Valley Entertainment and, again, Peter Carlino at Penn National. I've smiled throughout this entire process when I've viewed attorneys and outside experts that filed documents stating the intent of the Race Horse Development and Gaming Act.

Well, just let me tell you, I was there.

I not only was there from the corporate perspective,
but I was also there with my skin in the game trying
to develop my own opportunity in Pennsylvania. I can
tell you a few things from having been there all those

years with certainty, under oath. The first is the Eisenhower was always on the list of eligible facilities. The legislature constantly circulated a list of qualifying resorts as the room count, the geographical qualifiers, and the amenity list were being negotiated. Some of those fell off the list as the radiuses were negotiated that precluded some of those facilities being a part of the opportunity.

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Secondly, it was always, always about maximizing revenue. I think all of us here today remember the debate and Governor Rendell leading that debate, and some quizzing him on the ability to maximize revenue to a level that he believed was necessary to sustain property tax relief in the state. The other element was creating a competitive balance across the state, but not only a competitive balance, but a sustainable balance, projects that would survive in the light of competition. I'm sure there were a lot of private agendas during those years about some other items, but at the end of the day, the votes for passage came from a combination of a number of interests, and those interests are reflected in the statute. It didn't pass without horse racing interest, it passed with horse racing interest. brought a lot to the votes and to the table, and in

negotiations to the Act, so I would ask that the Board 2 take --- pay clear attention to the comments of the 3 impact of other facilities on racing in the Commonwealth. There was a decent block of votes, of course, from people who fundamentally accepted gaming as an alternative form of entertainment. And finally, the votes came from those who were interested in maximizing revenue for property tax relief, job creation, and of course, municipal budget improvement. 10 All right. I've rambled long enough, and I'll turn this over to Dave LeVan. Let me tell you a 11 little bit about Dave before I introduce him. Over 12 13 the last two years of knowing --- and I knew Dave from 14 his work when he was at --- when he was the Chairman 15 and CEO and visited the capitol often at Conrail. But I can tell you this, that he is the face and a true 16 17 reflection of Pennsylvania. He's a man who wants to 18 do something great for his community, a man who, over 19 these two years, called me out on a number of 2.0 commitments that he had made to his local community, 21 in particular the revenue sharing from our facility 22 and the agreements that we reached with both 23 Cumberland Township and Adams County. It was Dave who

insisted on minimum quarantees despite the performance

of the facility at the resort.

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I'm done. I'll suggest this about Dave, 1 2 though. Over the two years, I had a chance to read a book called Men Who Love Trains, and I would suggest, 3 if you're interested, that you take the time to read it. Dave figures prominently in that book while he was the Chairman and CEO of Conrail. The book's subtitle best summarizes what I've learned about Dave. And it says it was a story of men who battled greed to save an ailing industry. Throughout the book, there 10 are tales about Dave's concern during the Conrail breakup for his employees, the spirit of his 11 employees, and his desire to keep intact the history 12 13 of railroading in Pennsylvania and in the region, and 14 to keep the discipline of the company intact. 15 you'll have an opportunity to meet Dave. And with that, Dave? 16

# MR. LEVAN:

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Good morning. I'm Dave LeVan; last name is spelled L-E, capital V as in Victor, A-N. During our public input hearing in August, I began my remarks by stating that we believe that we have identified and are prepared to execute a vision that will set the standard for Category 3 Licenses in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. And as I sit here today before you, I'm more convinced than ever. Mason-Dixon Resort and

Casino will renovate a long-time jewel of Adams County.

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3 For nearly 40 years, the Eisenhower Inn and Conference Center has welcomed quests from near and far to our community. We intend to reinvigorate this proud property by turning it into a world-class resort that would sit only two miles north of the Maryland border. And in doing so, it would allow Pennsylvania to enter its last untapped gaming 10 marketplace. We've secured the necessary zoning. Wе 11 have more than adequate supplies of good quality 12 water, as well as sewage treatment capacity. 13 Currently, we have a joint application on file with the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental 14 15 Protection and the United States Army Corps of 16 Engineers.

As for the historic value of our proposed property, the Pennsylvania Museum and Historical Commission has confirmed that our property does not contain any, and I quote, eligible or listed historic or archaeological properties, end quote. Further, the National Park Service has indicated that Mason-Dixon will have no impact on the park because our project is not located within its 6,000-acre boundary. With the zoning already in place, we are proposing a

reinvigoration, if you will, a reimagining, of one of our favorite destination spots in Adams County. We anticipate having all the necessary approvals for construction by the end of the second quarter 2011, including a highway occupancy permit and a land development plan. And we would immediately begin construction, and we would intend to celebrate our grand opening on December 31st, 2011.

Since I last came before you in 2006, I'm happy to report that attitudes and opinions toward gaming have changed greatly in Adams County, and this is due to several reasons. First, our concept of a national park or historic site is not a new one.

Communities in Vicksburg, Natchez, Yosemite, Deadwood, Dodge City, Little Big Horn, Harpers Ferry,

Philadelphia, and yes, even Valley Forge, all have worked to preserve their historical meaning while embracing gaming and the opportunities the industry provides for the future.

And Adams County citizens do not live in a vacuum. They have seen firsthand the great work already done by Pennsylvania's gaming industry. And at a time when unemployment is at the highest in our county since 1984, my neighbors have watched as gaming created more than 12,000 jobs, provided billions of

dollars to the state and local communities. And as a result, I'm happy to report that the vast majority of Adams County residents stand shoulder-to-shoulder with us in this effort. They are our partners, and I'm eternally grateful for their support. Many of them are here today.

The Cumberland Township Board of
Supervisors, the mayor of Gettysburg, and the Adams
County Commissioners have endorsed Mason-Dixon. The
business community is also behind us. We've been
endorsed by the Gettysburg Adams Chamber of Commerce,
and more than 200 local businesses have signed letters
of support, including some of our largest heritage
tourism businesses, like Gettysburg Tours,
traditional tours and businesses, like Ski Liberty and
countless small businesses throughout our county,
because all of them understand the tremendous economic
impact that a gaming facility can have in a local
community, and they want to be a part of it.

Our supporters have collected business letters, and they've also collected more than 3,000 verifiable petition signatures. The vast majority of these, I'm also proud to report, are from Adams County residents. These petitions meet the state law for verification, providing the signers' full name,

signature, and address. They did not submit online or anonymous petitions that simply cannot be verified.

Our supporters did this the right way, and we couldn't be prouder.

Me have taken steps to ensure our neighbors and business partners enjoy the benefits of Mason-Dixon. We've created a Hire Adams First program that will ensure that Adams County residents are given the top priority for all the jobs that will be created. Our By Adams program is our commitment to hiring local businesses for the goods and services that we need, and our Mason-Dixon Pass will be a program that promotes and provides transportation to area local retail and tourism sites, including the Gettysburg National Military Park.

And I raise the Gettysburg National
Military Park because, as I indicated, our project is
not new to historic tourism. A recent study by Dr.
Duarte Morais, co-director of the tourism research lab
at Penn State University, provided strong evidence of
the gaming industry embracing historic preservation.
His study found strong examples of gaming revenue used
for that very purpose, to assist historic sites in
Colorado, South Dakota, and yes, Vicksburg,
Mississippi. As important, he included that gaming

visitors in these areas stay longer to enjoy the historic attractions.

report looks at visitation numbers at the Vicksburg
Military Park, which is located near five gaming
establishments. The report uses statistics from a
research that found that 17.8 percent of Vicksburg's
casino visitors also visit the national park, and 11
percent shopped the local retail establishments. In
looking at these areas and visitation statistics in
Gettysburg, Dr. Morais concludes that Adams County can
expect as much as 20 percent of our visitors at
Mason-Dixon will visit the battlefield and its
surrounding businesses. That equates to at least
115,000 new visitors, or a nine percent increase.

For many of these reasons, we were proud to win the unsolicited endorsement of the Gettysburg Battlefield Preservation Association, the oldest Civil War preservation organization of its kind in the nation. Now celebrating its 50th year, the GBPA has helped preserve about a third of the entire national park of Gettysburg. We're also happy to have the support of the Adams County community. Mason-Dixon has commissioned noted political scientist, Dr. G. Terry Madonna, to poll our issue and discover the true

feelings of Adams County residents. And Terry is here with us today to discuss his results. Thank you.

# DR. MADONNA:

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Thank you, and good morning. Madonna,
M-A-D-O-N-N-A, just like the rock star. Let me begin
by saying that I am here as President of Terry Madonna
Opinion Research. I do not represent, in this case,
Franklin and Marshall College, nor does Berwood Yost,
who's the methodologist for Terry Madonna Opinion
Research, who also is the head of the Center for
Opinion Research at F and M. We are here as private
sector employees in a business that I own.

Let me begin by saying, before I get into the comments that I want to make, that in general, if you think about research on gaming in Pennsylvania, I've concluded after, you know, putting questions in surveys over the years, and after reviewing lots of other surveys, that Pennsylvania, indeed, does have —— does support a gaming culture. Maybe I do not have to make that observation to this honorable Board, but, in fact, the surveys consistently show that. So, you'll typically have 60 to 70 percent of folks in our state, the residents in our state, indicating that they support gaming. That was true when we dealt with the issue of riverboats, you know, 10 or 15 years ago.

It's true when we deal, for example, with the issue of table games that came up just recently, and it's true today, when we just literally ask folks about the support for gaming in our state.

The second big observation that I would make is that there are consistently about 20 to 25 percent range of people who have moral objections to gaming, and those percentages --- and they can go up or down a little bit --- have been reasonably consistent. And then there are folks who oppose gaming for other reasons. So, in any survey that gets conducted, the fundamental observation has to be made that there are --- there is a minority of residents of our state who literally will oppose gaming, whether it's in Gettysburg or in Adams County or in Philadelphia or in virtually any other jurisdiction within this state. And I think that's an important observation to make. Now, last March ---.

The other observation that I would make, when Mason-Dixon came to me as an independent pollster, not aligned with political parties, not aligned with candidates, having done no polls for parties or candidates, I indicated that when we did this survey last March, that we would make the results available to the public. They agreed to that. The

questionnaire design was specifically mine and Mr.
Yost's. Mason-Dixon agreed to that. So, these
questions were scientifically developed. The methods
used to conduct this survey were the methods that
Berwood Yost and I have used to conduct hundreds of
polls in this state, and as well as national polls for
media outlets.

In this instance, this poll that we conducted last March was conducted, as you will see on this slide, for residents of Adams County only. The sample size in this case was 604 individuals. We used what's known as random digit dialing, which is a process where every household in Adams County had an equal chance of being called, and within the household itself, we used a random selection method to select the interviewees. These are methods that are well approved and utilized by professional researchers, by academic researchers, and additionally by many of the pollsters who do polls for major media outlets in the country, as well.

And the results of this survey were delivered to you folks the last time we met in Adams County, and so I will just go over a handful of the conclusions that we found in the survey. First of all, as I indicated before, in Adams County, 65

percent of the residents support legalized gaming, 65
percent favor table game expansion, 40 percent visited
a casino or regularly play the lottery. And I want to
stop here because this has been the major part of this
debate, with this next bullet. In my professional
judgment --- and this is what the survey found --- 62
percent of the residents of Adams County support the
Mason-Dixon project.

In addition to that, after we asked that question, we put in some questions that dealt with other considerations that would certainly be relevant to the Board, and were certainly relevant to

Mason-Dixon and to others. And there you see them in the bullets that follow; 89 percent believe it will create jobs, 70 percent believe it will not hurt local businesses, 62 percent believe it will not harm the historic character of Adams County, and 59 percent believe it will not increase crime.

Lastly, gentlemen, let me point out that last week, on behalf of Mason-Dixon, we conducted a smaller sample, largely for internal purposes, the purpose of which was if they were to be awarded the license, to think about aspects that we interviewed in the --- that we used in the first survey instrument. The results of that survey confirmed the findings in

1 this particular report. And that, of course, if you desire, will be made available. In short, that's my testimony. I want to thank you, and I'll be available for questions. Thank you very much.

## ATTORNEY SCHRIER:

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Thank you very much, Dr. Madonna. minute, we're going to see a presentation from our architect, but before we do that, David LeVan would like to provide the Board with a brief aerial tour of the Emmitsburg Road Corridor, where the Mason-Dixon Resort is located to give you a feel for the location of this facility and its surroundings.

# MR. LEVAN:

Thank you. As Steve said, we're going to take an aerial tour, starting at the actual building location of where the casino would be located, moving out to the entrance to the facility at the Emmitsburg Road, and then we're going to turn right and we're going to head north on the Emmitsburg Road to the park, and then from the park --- would you go back, please? Back to A. That's great. Thank you. then through the park to the Borough of Gettysburg so you can see what this looks like relative to our position to the park and to the Borough of Gettysburg.

First on the location of the building at

1 A, I'd like you to understand the setback of this 2 building from the Emmitsburg Road. It is not only not visible from the Military Park, it's not even visible 3 from the Emmitsburg Road because of the setback, and because of the other visual barriers and buffers. From here, we go out to B. That is the location of the main entrance into the current Eisenhower Conference Center on Allstar. It's three tenths of a mile from the proposed casino building to that access 10 point. Please note the current signage, because we're going to come back to that later in our presentation. 11 12 So, now as we move up the Emmitsburg

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Road, we go to C, which is a vacant retail building,
D, the Western Inn, E, Razor's Edge, F, another
secondary Boyd's Bear entrance, G, The Red Carpet Inn,
H, Booties, Spoils, and Plunder; I, the Battlefield
Bed and Breakfast, and I'd like to stop at J. At J,
you see that our property is one full mile from the
nearest portion of the Gettysburg National Military
Park, known as South Cavalry Field. This area of the
park is referred to as a satellite because it is not
an area regularly visited by the public, and this is
the only point of access by foot. It has no public
entry points of any kind other than this point right
here.

Then we move on to K. This is the

2 Gettysburg Battlefield Resort, and I'd like you to

3 take note of the size and the scale of this facility,

4 as well as its closer proximity to the National Park

5 boundary. It literally adjoins South Cavalry Field.

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7 Camping and Sports Center; M, Johnson's Karate; N,

8 National Historic Society, York and Adams County; D,

9 Edgewood Bowl; P, Haverfield Helicopter; Q, the first

10 park welcome sign to the park.

At R, I want to bring your attention to 11 this 7.6-acre parcel currently for sale, and it's 12 zoned commercial. And it also adjoins and has a 13 14 boundary immediately adjacent to the Battlefield. 15 Envision, if you will, a service station, a convenience store, a multistory hotel, a retail strip 16 17 mall, or other development on this site. And in fact, given the size of this site, envision all of them on 18 this site. And while our property sits a mile away, 19 20 here sits both a challenge and an opportunity for 21 preservationists, in my opinion. This is the type of 22 issue that I've worked cooperatively with the 23 Gettysburg Foundation in the past, along the Baltimore Pike Corridor, where I reside. 24

My cynical side leads me to ask and

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wonder why preservationists are ignoring this well-known plot of land, and instead are spending considerable resources of time, energy, and money opposing our project that is much further away, and not in the park.

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We'll move on. S is --- we're now inside the park. S is a park roadside building. private entrance back into the Eisenhower farm location. U is the intersection of the Emmitsburg Road and West Confederate Avenue. This is the first highway access point into the national military park, and we are now 2.2 miles from our proposed casino building. Now we move through the park, obviously one of the most significant parts of the national military park, scene of Pickett's Charge. W is the Corduroy Barn in that line. And at X we've reached the borough line. When we move to Y, you will see General Pickett's Buffet, which shares a boundary with the park, and is directly across the street, as you can see, from a main Battlefield access point. Thank you.

# ATTORNEY SCHRIER:

Thank you, David. Now, to help you 23 visualize our plan for the future, I'd like to introduce our architect, Mr. Donald Dissinger of Ewing Cole. In addition to his extensive work in the gaming

field, Mr. Dissinger and his firm has over three 1 decades of experience and has worked on several well-known projects, including the City Museum of Manassas, the Franklin Institute, the Naval Historic Center, the Smithsonian, the United States Holocaust Memorial, as well as known universities here in Pennsylvania. He's also worked for Penn National Gaming on the conceptual and schematic design for the Hollywood Casino at Penn National. Mr. Dissinger?

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Thank you, Stephen. Good morning, Board, Chairman. My name is Don Dissinger, D-I-S-S-I-N-G-E-R. I'm a registered architect in the State of Pennsylvania. I grew up here in Harrisburg, central Pennsylvania, born quite a few years ago. in that time, I've had an opportunity to develop a career as a preservation architect, a resort designer, a gaming architect, a sports architect, and a campus and university architect. And in all of those experiences, I've recognized that the most important thing any design must do is respect the significance of its environment, and represent the best that you can do in terms of the built environment with the natural environment. And I think one of the keys to the design of this project, I'd like to illustrate to

you in a video we've prepared.

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# MR. DISSINGER:

I'd like to continue with a few more points in the presentation about the design that we think are important in terms of its characterization as a resort. The 150 acres is situated, as you can see, between Route 15 and Emmitsburg. The centerpiece of this landscape is the recreation lake, which is the focal point of the main part of the campus. Just off of Emmitsburg Road, you will see the Hotel and Conference Center, about .3 miles into the site you can see the Allstar Sports building, which will be the centerpiece of the casino component of the resort restoration.

The 307 rooms are integrated into the Conference Center. The existing Eisenhower --- the first Eisenhower building, with 203 rooms, also features a lot of indoor amenities which serve as a year-round resort destination. Of course, the Allstar Sports building which sits just above the lake is in a convenient five-minute walking distance to the Eisenhower Hotel porte cochere. The concept of this building is to create a lodge-like setting. The campus itself will be enhanced in its landscape and

1 boulevard designs. Again, the most important aspect of this is that it will work together as a resort and kind of reinvigorate the existing businesses that already exist.

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Inside the hotel, the atrium pool and bar are the centerpiece of the existing hotel, 203 rooms surround the atrium. The atrium also offers a restaurant, a breakfast buffet, and a lounge. addition to the interior atrium space, there is a series of conference spaces and meeting rooms that currently serve both exposition and conferences throughout the course of the year. These facilities connect both the hotel properties. And within Eisenhower Two, there is an existing restaurant experience, as well as a gathering lobby area just off the conference areas in Eisenhower Two. And of course, the typical rooms are fairly contemporary, and very spacious, oversized rooms, if you will, compared to the typical hotel that you might see along an interstate today. So, it's a rather commodious quest quarter space.

What's really wonderful about this property is the lake. The lake is rather pristine, and a wonderful natural ecology that will become part of the draw to this property as it develops with the

new gaming facility, which is located just above the lake. Part of the idea of the casino is to open up 2. 3 the lounge areas to the lake and to try to create a part of the environment that is outdoor as well as indoor in this experience. One of the viable structures on the building is the Allstar Sports Complex. It's a 70,000-square foot facility that easily accommodates the required Backa House (phonetic) requirements for the project as specified in the Gaming Regulations, and most importantly, as a 10 grand central space that easily accommodates the 11 12 gaming program.

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Many properties developed gaming facilities inside this kind of a building. Throughout Delaware, several properties have used this particular structure as the armature for the main casino building for casinos of this size. This exists and makes a very easy and comfortable transition to a new casino. And again, the inspiration of the redevelopment of this property is to create the feel of the national 21 historic lodges that you see in a lot of our national parks. It's an appropriate vocabulary for this kind of a project. And you'll see in the development of our design that the opportunity exists to restore the campus, its landscape and its gardens to link together

a new entrance that will redefine, in a very bucolic and simple setting, a new resort within the region.

And link the Allstar Sports building as a gaming destination to the Eisenhower Hotel, a new boulevard will be provided to connect the hotel properties with the gaming facility and to redevelop the landscape, and connect them with a covered walkway that links the main entrance to the hotel to the main entrance of the gaming facility. And then the whole pathway to the hotel will be restored, and a new landscape and lighting system and a new signage system will be created.

The idea of the picket fences will form a water feature that will define the entrance point.

And a very low-key signage system will be created to remove the existing signage that's already there and to redefine its image and identity as a resort in the region. The hotels, again, will be --- as they are redeveloped, will be restored in a style that is similar to the lodge that we are proposing for the casino spaces. The covered walkway will be installed to connect the casinos with the hotel. And then the old Allstar Sports building will be developed with new porte cocheres in arrival sequence using the native stone and brick language of the Adams County region,

and the architecture within that region.

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The natural water feature that flows between the lake through the property will be restored, and will become a feature. This is the waterway as part of the main entrance to the casino. This entrance will directly face and be visible to the entrance to the hotel when it's restored.

And the interior will be developed as a contemporary gaming facility. We've installed these --- the proposal is to install these tree-like canopies that will house all the technology for gaming, and all the devices for surveillance and security for the property. The gaming program, as we have reported, will include 600 electric gaming devices throughout the heart of the facility. addition, 35 banking table games in the center of the facility just off of the dining village and central lounge. A room will be provided for 15 poker tables and an expansionary for five additional poker tables for tournament play. The Backa House is neatly configured in the back where the existing offices for the Allstar Sports offices used to be. We will add to the cashier location two Pennsylvania lottery terminals that are required.

The food and beverage program for the

casino will include a food court of 175 seats, a coffee and dessert lounge of 20 seats, and the new central lounge, which will open up to the lake area on 3 the south side of the gaming hall. The idea is to have a room, a restaurant space that is just off the casino floor. This is a property in a similar-style building that we developed in southern Delaware, Harrington Raceway, very warm materials to create a very traditional setting within the community. 10 food venues will be several as defined by Penn National, the operator. But it will be a whole food 11 12 distribution system, and then a seating area just off 1.3 the casino so that there's a respite from the gaming 14 area, and a nice casual dining experience within the 15 The dessert bar will be a feature opposite the central lounge. After dinners at the hotel, you 16 17 can meet here at the dessert bar, as well as at the central lounge. 18

The central lounge is a new entertainment focus for the experience at the resort. The idea is to create a conversation area that is near the gaming hall, but yet separate. It allows for the opportunity to create a stage-like environment for the resort so that there can be live music. A comfortable living room-like experience that has a two-way fireplace so

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that outdoor and indoor dining, and also relaxation, can occur at the casino property, and ultimately opens up and connects you back to the entire resort, which connects the gaming facility to the resort and integrates the entire amenity package.

In summary, we believe that this property has all the essential components necessary to create a world-class resort within Adams County in a very tasteful, recognizable fashion for the industry and for the region. Thank you.

# ATTORNEY SCHRIER:

Thank you, Don. Just on the question of traffic and traffic mitigation, I'd like to point out to the Board that we have with us today Dan Thornton, who is our traffic engineer with TRG Associates. They were asked to provide traffic studies. They provided them to the Board, and the Board's expert and consultant has reviewed those traffic studies and had some comments, and we've responded to those comments.

I just want to point out that from our perspective there were no material issues with regard to traffic and access ways to the property. We feel we've responded appropriately to the Board's consultants, and at this point, we're here to answer any questions that the Board may have with regard to

traffic and traffic mitigation. Mr. Thornton will be here at the conclusion of our presentation to respond, and I know that your consultant will be providing information to you as well.

So, what I'd like to do is introduce Peter Tyson to discuss how Mason-Dixon is situated in what remains the premier gaming market for Pennsylvania. Peter Tyson is the Vice President of PKF Consulting, USA, and has decades of experience in this field, consulting on a wide range of hospitality projects, including hotels, resorts, casinos, and conference centers. Mr. Tyson?

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Thank you, Steve. Good afternoon, My name is Peter Tyson, T-Y-S-O-N, PKF gentlemen. Consulting. PKF was retained back in January of 2010 by the developers to estimate levels of gaming revenue for the proposed Mason-Dixon Resort, as well as estimated levels of net operating income. And also to prepare estimates of gaming revenue for their proposed Category 3 casino at Nemacolin Woodlands. We've performed similar analyses, you may recall, some of you, for SugarHouse in Valley Forge here in Pennsylvania, numerous other jurisdictions around the 24 25 U.S. and abroad. And PKF is a licensed vendor with

the Gaming Control Board.

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2 Hopefully you've had a chance to review 3 The methodology and my estimates are prepared in great detail therein, and I won't trouble you with the details today. But if you wish, I'd like to just quickly go through some of the key analyses and conclusions. First of all, we utilized the proven drive time, or gravity model methodology to come up with our casino, exactly the same as your financial 10 suitability task force used to do. Which starts out 11 with several things. And I hope I can operate this. 12 The first challenge was to identify all of the existing and proposed gaming venues with which Mason-13 14 Dixon will compete. And we start with Penn National 15 or Hollywood to the northeast, we put in here the proposed venues along the I-95 corridor in Maryland, 16 17 one of which is open, and the others are proposed. We've got Charles Town in West Virginia, and we have 18 the Rocky Gap out here in Maryland, which was just ---19 20 they received no bids for that for a second time, and 21 the future of that particular competitor is unclear. 22 And out west, certainly far off the map, you have the 23 properties around the Pittsburgh area.

Our next --- through Microsoft Map Point,
we identified a 30-minute drive zone from the Mason-

1 Dixon site; that is outlined in blue on the map. And also a 60-minute drive time zone, which is outlined in red. We then took into account that there was going 3 to be extreme competition for the Baltimore/Washington corridor market from these casinos, or rest-sinos really, along the I-95 corridor, so we shrunk our real market zones back away from the 60-minute line to about the midpoint between our facility and the I-95corridor. And again, this was a conservative move. 10 We've got a 600 slot machine facility with 50 table games in a smaller Category 3 casino. Our market area 11 is considerably smaller than if we were going for a 12 full 3,000 slot allotment. 13

14 Anyway, our next chore was to go through 15 and see how many adults fell into those two drive zones, and we used, again, census data and zip code 16 17 data, we came up with an adult populations of approximately 166,000 adult residents in Zone One, 18 19 which comprised of parts of three counties in 20 Pennsylvania and two counties in Maryland, and an additional 450,000 adults residing in Zone Two, which 21 22 again, three counties in PA and parts of three counties in Maryland. So, our total adult population, 23 not really within a 60-minute drive but within a 24 25 tighter zone than that --- because remember, we carved out much of the zone towards I-95 --- is a little over 600,000 adults.

We then utilized gaming participation, visit frequency, and win per visit metrics based on the experience of other venues, based on what gaming operators have gleaned out of their databases and what's published in things like Harrah's Biannual Survey of Gamblers. And we came up with estimates of win from the drive-in zone. As you will see here, we have participation percentages, here's your 600,000 adult visits per year. And then we conservatively said, of these annual gaming visits generated by that population --- and I apologize, I can't read the number too well from here. I think it's right around a million. Only 75 percent of those would be captured by the Mason-Dixon facility in the closed-in zone, the 0 to 30 minutes.

The other 25 percent will go to a facility in Maryland once in a while, they will go to Charles Town, they might go to Atlantic City. So, there's some leakage from our market that we projected. Very similarly, for the second zone, we even more conservatively said we will only capture 50 percent of those people. So, overall, roughly two thirds of the people who the gaming visits represented

by our two zones were captured by Mason-Dixon. All this is expressed in 2010 dollars to enable you to better compare our results to what the properties are experiencing around the Commonwealth today. And as you will see, that comes up to approximately \$72 million from those two zones.

In addition to that, we said there's also going to be demand created by existing visitors, overnight visitors, to the Gettysburg area. 10 Smith Travel Research, we learned that there are approximately 400,000 occupied hotel rooms in the 11 county today, and from that we gleaned that there 12 13 would be about 490,000 separate adult quests, of which 14 we assumed 20 percent would visit the casino and 15 generate additional revenue of about \$11 million. That comes up with a stabilized year gaming revenue in 16 today's dollars of \$83 million. We went back and 17 18 checked that in terms of win per unit, net win per unit after promo play with the results of the existing 19 20 Pennsylvania venues, and we felt that those numbers 21 are very reasonable and supportable.

In addition to that --- oh, and I might want to point out that we made no specific addition for day-trip visitors to the Gettysburg National Park, which numbers roughly two million. Certainly some of

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those visitors to Gettysburg stay overnight, so
they're accounted for in this occupied room total, but
we didn't try to make any additional incremental bump
from those visitors or any other through-traffic that
just happens to drive through Gettysburg and said
let's stop and enjoy ourselves at the casino for a few
hours.

So, going to the next slide, we then just ramped up, backed off of that stabilized number a bit for the prior years to come up with gaming revenues. We applied inflation out here, I believe we used three percent a year. And then looking at the historical operating results of Eisenhower, tempered by the fact that it's going to be a renovated, reinvigorated property with a higher occupancy rate, slightly higher average room rate, we projected levels of the operating income for the property.

Very similarly, we were asked to do a similar or a comparable analysis for Nemacolin, and we went through the same basic procedures. You will see here that we have Rocky Gap in here; we have Charlestown; Rivers; Meadows; Wheeling. And we attempted to do --- or we did do a 30-minute drive zone, and the red is, again, a 60-minute drive zone. We shrunk back their market area to about the midpoint

between Meadows and Nemacolin, and similarly, we shrunk back, or met this about halfway down to Charles Town

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Interestingly, one of the first things we learned from our analysis is if you look at the zip codes that are within Zones One and Two, from the Nemacolin site, you will see that they have a total adult population of somewhere around 270,000. that number compares to a little over 600,000 for the same zones around the Mason-Dixon Casino, significantly less. We also took a close look, as we did at Mason-Dixon, at the household incomes of the 12 populations included in those two immediate drive-in zones. And I think if you look at the next slide, you will see here the adult population number that I just referred to. Of just as much interest to us is that the population around the Adams County site has income some 40 percent higher than the population right around the Nemacolin Woodlands site. And this is very important for two reasons. You've all learned that 21 households with higher income levels have higher gaming budgets, and probably are more --- can better afford to gamble and use that as a source of entertainment.

Secondarily, we as resort consultants see

a possible conflict between the fact that Nemacolin is
a five-star resort. It goes after the very highest
end of the market. When you attempt to have a casino
that caters to those customers, as well as your
drive-in market, which has a median net household
income of \$30,000, it's very possible that those two
won't blend well because each group has their own
types of needs, wants, desires, and expectations from
the gaming facility. And having a relatively midmarket drive-in crowd versus a five-diamond resort
hotel crowd could cause some concern.

12 Anyway, we went through and finished on 1.3 the next slide the same analysis for Nemacolin that we 14 did for Mason-Dixon and came up with a stabilized year 15 win of -- just shy of \$50 million in 2010 dollars, and that compared to \$83 million for Mason-Dixon. 16 17 Later there were claims made about who's going to bring the most gaming revenue in from out of state, so 18 19 we were asked to do a little bit of an analysis for 20 that. And I think this next slide, while it's a 21 little tough to read and tough to figure out, when all 22 was said and done, we figured out that --- or we 23 estimated, I guess is a better way to put it, that approximately a third of each property's zone wins, 24 25 residential wins, will come from outside of the state.

Overall, about 36 percent of each property's win will come from outside the state. But as our win numbers are significantly higher, our out-of-state contributions is about \$30 million versus about \$18 million for Nemacolin.

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In conclusion, I'd just like to say that we think that our estimates are reasonable and possibly conservative. When we did our numbers back in January, no operator was identified for the project yet. Since then, Penn National has come aboard, and they are quite experienced at Pennsylvania gaming, and I think would probably justify a slight bump to our numbers. And secondarily, we totally disregarded, or did not impute any additional win from day-trip visitors to Gettysburg, which could amount to a material amount of money. Thank you very much, and I look forward to answering any questions you may have at the conclusion of this session. Thanks.

#### ATTORNEY SCHRIER:

Thank you, Mr. Tyson. The local impact that Mason-Dixon would have on Adams County and its economy is something we have exhaustively studied. To briefly discuss those findings, we have Michael Mariano, who's the managing director of Spatial Analytics for Econsult Corporation. He oversees all

the research and analysis for the firm's economic and fiscal impact status. Econsult has served as a consultant to the Philadelphia Gaming Advisory Task Force, the Valley Forge Convention Center, and the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development, among other projects that they've worked on. Mr. Mariano.

### MR. MARIANO:

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9 My name is Michael Thanks, Steve. Mariano, M-I-C-H-A-E-L, last name, M-A-R-I-A-N-O. 10 I am currently employed by Econsult Corporation, an 11 economic consulting firm based in Philadelphia. 12 13 Econsult works for many state, county and municipal 14 governments, including the Commonwealth of 15 Pennsylvania. In addition to the variety of economic development, real estate analyses, and other projects 16 17 we've conducted, we've also prepared numerous economic impact studies, like the one I'm presenting here 18 today. Our analysis measured the overall economic 19 20 impact of the Mason-Dixon Resort and casino, both at the local level for Adams County and the state level. 21 22 In constructing our models, we relied upon the RIMS, 23 or the Regional Input-Output Modeling System, which is 24 maintained by the Bureau of Economic Analysis of the 25 U.S. Department of Commerce.

Economical impact modeling basically includes two main components, the first of which is the direct impact, or the economic activity that will take place inside Mason-Dixon. This direct impact would include salary and wages of employees, as well as spending on marketing, food and beverage, and other professional services. The second component would involve the supplier industries in Adams County that would, in turn, purchase additional goods and services to meet Mason-Dixon's operational needs. The majority of the data on the direct impact of Mason-Dixon, including employment levels and estimated operating expenditures, was provided by Peter Tyson, as described previously. Using these estimates as inputs into our economic impact model, our analysis focused on four main areas: job potential, wage potential, total economic activity or output, and finally tax revenue potential.

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We examined the impacts for both the construction phase and ongoing annual operations.

During the construction phase, we estimate there would be a one-time impact of nearly 150 jobs in Adams

County, and more than 500 jobs in Pennsylvania. But what is more important is the local annual ongoing economic impacts. First are jobs. Mason-Dixon would

have 475 direct jobs, 375 of which represent net new jobs compared to the current employment levels at the Eisenhower Hotel. When combined with jobs related to indirect and ancillary economic activity, there would be a total of 900 jobs in Adams County, and over 1,800 jobs statewide.

The second component is employee wages and earnings, which we estimate would amount to \$16 million in Adams County and \$38 million throughout the state. The third component is total economic activity, or total economic output, which we estimate would amount to \$66 million in Adams County. This local impact of \$66 million would include \$37.7 million in net new local operating expenditures at Mason-Dixon, which would generate an additional \$13 million in indirect or supplier industry economic activity, as well as over \$15 million in economic activity attributable to ancillary or visitor spending.

Overall, the total economic impact includes spending by Mason-Dixon patrons at local Adams County businesses, including restaurants, retail and recreation establishments, payments by Mason-Dixon to local vendors, and finally, spending of Mason-Dixon employees throughout Adams County. All of this

economic activity would undoubtedly produce tax benefits for the state. We estimate that Adams County would benefit from \$3 million in local tax revenue, and the state would benefit from \$37 million in tax revenue.

In conclusion, there would be significant economic activity related to the hotel casino project in terms of jobs, wages, economic activity impacts as to the local community. I would be happy to answer any questions at the conclusion of the presentation. Thank you for your time.

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Thank you, Michael. Members of the 14 Board, the fiscal challenges the townships are facing today are evident to all of us. And Mr. Ben Thomas is with us; he's the township manager in Cumberland Township, Adams County. And he's asked to present a few words to you today. Mr. Thomas.

#### MR. THOMAS:

Thank you, Steve. Good afternoon, Mr. Chairman and Members of the Board. My name is Ben Thomas, Jr., T-H-O-M-A-S, and I serve as interim manager of Cumberland Township, where the Eisenhower Hotel and Conference Center is located. The Cumberland Township Board of Supervisors authorized my

presence here today to offer information to you 1 2 regarding our current and future financial condition, and projections for providing services to the citizens 3 and visitors of this beautiful community. township's geography is 33.1 square miles, and 6 encompasses some 5,220 acres; about 24 to 25 percent of tax-exempt properties around Gettysburg.

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Cumberland Township is seeing, and will continue to experience continued financial challenges without economic development diversity that will cause real estate tax increases in the future. The township 12 has experienced three real estate tax increases in the past six years alone, while depleting a portion of our reserve funds to balance the general fund operating budget. Our proposed 2011 budget cuts over one-half million dollars from our original draft, with wage freezes, reduced work hours for employees, and possible reduction in services with no capital expenditures for our administration, our police, our highway and maintenance department, and our zoning and code enforcement. No funds are available or set aside for depreciation and equipment replacement.

Just two weeks ago, the Pennsylvania Economy League issued a report commissioned by the township, paid for with a partial grant by the

Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic

Development. That outlined a possible deficit in the

next five years of nearly a half million dollars, not

counting equipment capital purchase replacements.

Their report indicated that, and I quote, without

gaming funds, any substantial increase in township

revenue will almost certainly require an increase in

the real estate tax rate. I am affirming this

statement.

Cumberland Township is tightening its financial belt in many ways. We are concerned about our citizens, especially our seniors when supervisors look at potentially cutting services and increasing their property taxes. Other concerns in Cumberland Township are as follows: the baby boomers are retiring, moving to our area in retirement, and no longer pay earned income taxes. Their retirement income tax is not taxed by municipalities in the Commonwealth. Additional taxable properties are being removed from the tax rolls. They are being purchased, then used for nontaxable purposes. The Gettysburg National Military visitor center was recently granted a reduction in the fee in lieu of taxes obligations.

The township received \$26 this year as a fee in lieu of taxes from Adams County, as granted

from the federal government for lands, buildings, and services located in our municipality. Real estate transfer tax income has been significantly reduced due to the housing market economy. Cumberland Township in 2011 is projecting a nine percent drop in revenues compared to 2010's budget. Adams County's recent property reassessment has flatlined real estate tax income, as an active appeals process is certainly under way. Available public water is very limited to new economic development.

Unfortunately, Cumberland Township is transitioning from earned income service taxes and fees to a real estate property tax base. Without economic development, this trend will unfortunately continue. Mason-Dixon Resorts, L.P. desires to remodel the already existing Eisenhower Hotel and Conference Center along Emmitsburg Road, which is smart planning as a revitalized economic engine for Cumberland Township, Adams County, and surrounding communities. This area is zoned for commercial growth with a plan for public sewage to promote economic expansion in that specific region. Such an economic positive would mitigate the need for our 6,000 citizens to be faced with Cumberland Township increasing real estate taxes for years to come. Thank

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Thank you, Mr. Thomas. We appreciate you coming. Mason-Dixon is proud to have a gaming partner like Penn National Gaming on our team. Penn National has created countless jobs for Pennsylvanians, and created some of the best gaming facilities in the United States. I've introduced key members of their team, and I'd like to now introduce to you Steven Snyder, who is Senior Vice President for Corporate Operations.

ATTORNEY SCHRIER:

## MR. SNYDER:

13 Thank you, Steve. Again, Steven Snyder, 14 S-N-Y-D-E-R. Good afternoon, Members of the Board, 15 Mr. Chairman, as well as staff and those interested public participants who are in attendance this 16 17 afternoon. I, in my capacity as Senior Vice President 18 of Corporate Development, have been involved with Penn National Gaming since 1997. In that time frame, 19 20 working at times with Mr. Lashinger, we have helped 21 grow this company from Wyomissing, Pennsylvania to 22 become one of the preeminent gaming and entertainment 23 companies in the United States. As you can see from the slide, and you all have had firsthand experience 24 25 with us as a licensee and an operator here in

Grantville, Pennsylvania, we do have a track record that I'd like to think is second to none in terms of developing and building these types of businesses.

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We were introduced to Mr. LeVan earlier this year through Mr. Lashinger and the legal team that they had assembled for the development and undertaking in this project. And we were very intrigued by Mr. LeVan's commitment to his community and Mr. LeVan's thought process and visions around the Mason-Dixon Resort. The commitment to By Adams, the commitment to hire local, were things that resonated deeply with us as a company, and are consistent, I would like to think, with what this Board has experienced with Penn National Gaming as the owner and operator of the Hollywood Casino at Penn National Racecourse. You can see, as I mentioned, the growth that this company has enjoyed. We now operate in 18 states --- we're in the process of operating in 18 states, with Nevada, Texas being the latest in which we've made our announced acquisitions.

We do scour the countryside. We scour the United States. We scour North America, we scour now the world looking for these types of opportunities. And it was with a great deal of pleasure that we took Mr. LeVan up on the opportunity

to explore more thoroughly the Mason-Dixon Resort concept in Adams County, because of the nature of the community, because of the nature of his vision, 3 because of the facility itself and its proximity to large population bases, of course, in south central Pennsylvania and north central, northeastern Maryland. I've got with me today a team from Penn National Those on the right I will be calling up for Gaming. components of our presentation to address things like 10 our workforce, the diversity of our workforce; like our commitment as a company to respond to gaming, to 11 12 compliance.

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So, with that, I'd like to touch on one of the other things that is very important for us in terms of considering this project. You will see, and it's very important in your deliberations as a Board, one of the attractions of Penn National Gaming, as was mentioned in an earlier presentation, is the strength of our balance sheet. We have made a commitment to this project, as you will see here, to provide 100 percent of the financing necessary to complete the renovation of the Allstar facility into a Category 3 casino facility. There are no third-party approvals necessary from any banks or funding sources. We stand before you today as the financing source for the

entirety of the development project for the Mason-Dixon Casino Resort development.

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Additionally, we will be the turnkey developer. We'll work with Mr. LeVan to develop this facility using the expertise that you'll see on a later slide. We as a company have acquired or hired in recent years, and we will, after developing it, be the operator of the entire facility. We will operate the casino, we will operate the meeting space, the convention space, we will operate the hotel with a view towards maximizing the revenue potential of the casino as complemented by the 300 plus room hotel and the meeting and convention space. As an example of that development expertise, I think our recent opening of the Hollywood Casino in Perryville provides a great example of the talents, the speed, and the deliberation which we as a company bring forth.

In the face of Perryville, we were identified by the Maryland Lottery (phonetic) facility, the Site Selection Commission in September --- excuse me, in October of 2009. From that selection, we went through the licensing process. started construction of the facility in a former strip 24 mine from the ground up, not the renovation of an existing facility, but a new construction, a new

build. And that project was completed within 11
months of our designation by the Site Selection
Commission in Maryland, to again highlight the
development expertise which we as a company bring to
bear because it has meaning to us as a financing
source and as an operator. And it has meanings to
this Commonwealth, as the ability to generate revenue
in a maximum fashion, as quickly as possible, is a
very critical determinant of the selection of the last
Category 3 Licensee.

Looking at the track record as a company 11 --- I'll be very brief in these. You will see on 12 these slides over \$750 million of new casino 13 14 construction, casino replacement or renovation that we 15 have undertaken, including Penn National here in Grantville, over the course of the last three years. 16 In addition to that, prospectively over the next 24 17 18 months, in addition to Mason-Dixon or any other 19 projects that have yet to be announced, we have a back 20 log of over \$1 billion in casino construction 21 throughout the United States, which you'll see here is 22 focused primarily in the State of Kansas as well as two substantial projects in the State of Ohio. 23 projects will be coming online over staggered 24 25 schedules between late 2011 into late 2012.

And not only are these indicative of both the financial resources that we've got to complete these projects as well as the financing of the Mason-Dixon Resort, but also the talent set that we as a company employ. We've spent a great deal of time with Mr. Dissinger and the folks at Ewing Cole, and with Mr. LeVan on his vision. We've had our construction team walk the property and work through the issues associated with the development of the property, and we are very comfortable with the timetable that's been outlined for the completion of this project.

I want to call up Walter Bogumil, who is our Vice President of Finance who has worked on our demographic analysis of this market potential, and have him address the next three slides.

## MR. BOGUMIL:

Thank you, Chairman and Board, for having me today. I just want to briefly go through our --my name is Walter Bogumil, B-O-G-U-M-I-L. I just want to briefly go through the analysis that we do at Penn National in terms of how we look at an opportunity, whether it be a green field property like this or a new acquisition, or existing properties from a budget perspective to determine what we think they're going to do from a revenue perspective in the future.

The map you see here is similar to the 1 2 one that you saw the consultants do, and we did this internally. We adjusted the drive times, and we look 3 all the way out to 90 minutes, and then we adjust for competition. The black line on the outer ring being the 90-minute adjusted for competition line, there is a 30 to 60 blue line, and then an interior 0 to 30market. We run this in the same Map Point program and extract the demographics, just like the consultants 10 do, to figure out how many people are near our facility. What you see on this page here is simply a 11 summary of the map, of the demographics that come out 12 13 of it. You will see there's roughly 460,000 in adult 14 population, that's adults 25 and older, or 15 predominantly what we believe are the potential to 16 gain.

The spend that these people have in aggregate, and it's different per zone because of the frequency that they attend the facility, is roughly \$655 per person in this zone. It doesn't mean every single person in the zone would game. It just means on average you would set \$655 gaming spend per person within that 90-minute zone. If you just do the multiplication here, it's 460,000 people at \$655 win per person, gives you a rough potential of \$300

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When we then went and looked at the PFK million. 1 2 (sic) Consulting Revenue estimate of \$83 million relative to the potential of \$300 million in the 3 stabilized market, that's about a 27 percent penetration ratio. And at Penn National, we regularly see penetrations that approach 40 to 50 percent in that same time frame of stabilized penetration. we feel very comfortable in support of the revenue projections that the consultants have put forward 10 today.

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When you look at your evaluation, and when we look at our internal evaluations, and our 12 13 Board looks at how we've assessed the potential for 14 success, the main thing that we always see is that the 15 primary driver is going to be the population within 90 minutes. It is essentially the main force in terms of 16 17 what the revenue potential of the property will be. You will see that the revenue here is --- the 18 potential here is greater than what you see in 20 Nemacolin. The second most important factor you look 21 at is the ease of access. In an ideal situation, you 22 have your hotel attached to the facility so the guests 23 can easily get from the facility to the actual casino. And in addition to that, you would want to have 24 25 structured parking so that the guests can drive right

up to the facility. And you'll see these things are in most of the facilities that we have designed and built across the country today.

Our model indicates that we're going to be a superior tax and job generator over Nemacolin for these reasons, and it also indicates that we're going to have significant access advantage over that property, too. Thank you very much for your time.

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Thank you, Walter. And now I'd like to call on our Vice President of Compliance to address responsible gaming and compliance. Mr. Tom Auriemma.

## MR. AURIEMMA:

Good afternoon, Members of the Board. Thomas Auriemma, A-U-R-I-E-M-M-A. I'm the Vice President and Chief Compliance Officer of Penn National Gaming. At Penn National, we have a strong commitment both to compliance and to responsible gaming. First, with respect to compliance, we have a very strong and talented compliance department that 21 has been assembled by me in my four years at Penn National. We provide support and training on all regulatory matters to all of Penn's owned and managed properties, and we, of course, would do that with 25 Mason-Dixon Resorts.

We have, at every property that we own or 1 2 manage, a designated compliance officer, and 3 Mason-Dixon Resorts would also have one as well, and that compliance officer would report to me as the Chief Compliance Officer of Penn National Gaming. With respect to compliance, generally we perform due diligence procedures on various vendors, on employees. We have, of course, a code of conduct that relates to the conduct of employees of Penn National, and would 10 apply equally well to the employees of Mason-Dixon There would be regular reporting to Penn 11 Resorts. National's Compliance Committee of all matters of a 12 regulatory nature. 13

Additionally, we have a 24/7 hotline system that is available to all employees of Penn National properties, and that is for the employee, if they have any wage theft, fraud theft, mismanagement. And it is run through me, and I review all of those calls and make decisions with respect to their merit or not.

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With regard to responsible gaming, responsible gaming matters are also a part of the Compliance Department at Penn National Gaming. I have a Deputy Chief Compliance Officer named Jim Baldacci who is really one of the leaders in his field. He

would be here today, but he is speaking at the Annual 2 Conference of the National Center for Responsible Gaming for Las Vegas, Nevada this week. 3 happens to be there. He was responsible for revising, for example, the Grantville Hollywood Casino at Penn National Racecourse responsible gaming program last year. We would --- of course, with respect to NPR, we would have a comprehensive compulsive gambling and training program. All new employees would go through 10 an orientation program, and part of that orientation program relates to matters relating to responsible 11 gaming, underage gaming, alcohol, et cetera. 12

We've already submitted a draft of responsible gaming program to the Board. It's modeled after our Category 3 License plan out in Grantville, but obviously it will have to be tailored to the 50 unique features of this particular facility. We are a strong contributor to various councils around the country, and as I indicated, we also speak quite frequently. Mr. Baldacci is really an expert in this field. Additionally, our responsible gaming program follows the AGA code of responsible gaming.

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So, with that, I want you to be aware that there's a strong commitment by Penn to its managed and owned properties to provide compliance and

responsible gaming and to assure this Board that those properties are run in a very effective way. you.

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Thanks, Tom. I'd like to call up Karen Bailey, who is our Director of Public Affairs, to address some of the things that we hold very dearly in terms of our commitments to the communities in which we operate.

### MS. BAILEY:

Thank you. My name is Karen Bailey, 12 B-A-I-L-E-Y, Karen, K-A-R-E-N. We touched earlier on the awards and recognition that Penn National has received, and we've been very fortunate enough to recognize two recent awards that we've received, and that is here in Pennsylvania with the Pennsylvania Governor's Award for Environmental Excellence with our construction and our infrastructure at Hollywood Casino in Grantville, as well as Hollywood Casino at Penn National being named as a top business in central 21 Pennsylvania by the Central Pennsylvania Business Journal.

One of the things that we take very seriously and put a tremendous amount of focus on is in our minority and women-owned business enterprises,

1 both in our construction as well as our ongoing 2 non-construction expenditures. In Pennsylvania alone, we rank third in the state in our construction spent 3 with any businesses behind the casinos built in Philadelphia and Pittsburgh. It's a record that we're very proud of. We've also doubled the state's average in non-construction expense since the start of the Hollywood Casino at Penn National. Since 2008, we've spent over \$15 million with minority, women and 10 businesses.

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Local First will always remain very important. It dovetails very well into Mr. LeVan's By Adams initiative that he's announced with the Mason-Dixon Resort. Insofar this year, Penn National, the corporate office, has actually spent over \$60 million with Pennsylvania-based businesses, while since opening day in Grantville a Hollywood Casino at Penn National Racecourse has spent over \$69 million with Pennsylvania-based businesses. There are a number of different opportunities that we look to with local 21 businesses to provide goods and services to our facilities.

And finally, our charitable giving is another big tenant of our good corporate citizen initiatives. And in Pennsylvania alone, we have

contributed over half a million dollars from Hollywood Casino at Penn National since opening day. 3 corporate foundation, which is based out of our Wyomissing office, has actually spent over --contributed over \$1.6 million with Pennsylvania-based organizations. And this is something that we will continue and work in partnership with Mr. LeVan and the Mason-Dixon Resort, and in doing so creating this similar type of program in Adams County. This is just 10 a snapshot of some of the organizations that we have supported throughout the Commonwealth. I'd like to 11 thank you very much for your time. 12

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Thank you, Karen. I'd like to now call up Susan Reyes, who is our Vice President of Human Resources at Penn National, at Hollywood Casino at Penn National, to address some of the matters with respect to our workforce and training.

#### MS. REYES:

Good afternoon. My name is Susan,
S-U-S-A-N, and last name is Reyes, R-E-Y-E-S. I'd
like to take a minute this afternoon to talk about our
workforce and how Penn National --- how we shape our
employee population. We believe that the best way to
be successful in the community is to be reflective of

that community. We have committed to develop a
high-performing, exclusive work environment that
reflects our diversity in our community. We target
recruitment efforts, including utilization of
community organizations, such as the African-American
Chamber, the Hispanic Cultural Society, the Latino
Professionals. We also partner with educational
institutions such as HAC, the Chamber of Commerce, and
agencies like CareerLink.

We also partner with these agencies to offer advice as well as mock interviewing soft skills presentation and best hiring practices. And we do that quarterly with the CareerLink organization throughout Pennsylvania. We also have a wide array of recruitment advertising. We use print source, TV, Internet, as well as radio to reach a wide audience. We also post what's called a hot sheet, or a hot job sheet. Each week we have what open positions we have at the casino. We not only post those internally, but we also send them to our community partners so that each of those areas know exactly what jobs are opening when.

We also offer diversity training for all of our new hires to foster a welcoming environment which reinforces respect, as well as management

courses on cultural diversity and managing a diverse 1 2 workforce. What's really important is that our employees feel included and that everybody's opinion 3 counts. We also provide development and upper mobility options from our promotion from within policy. We have what's called the MAP program, the Management Apprentice Program. We also have annual talent reviews, and we have a formal succession planning process where we look at those high-potential 10 individuals, and we put them through some different courses to get those skill sets ready for the next 11 12 step.

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For the Mason-Dixon property, we'll have 375 new jobs. We hire locally. At Penn National Racecourse, we have --- 97 percent of our employees are from Pennsylvania. We also train our employees, and this is specific skills, such as for dealing or slot attendant, those technical skills. We also have guest service skills. It's called our Red Carpet Program. We also focus immense time and energy in our supervisory and management level, training them to manage a diverse workforce and manage those areas so that we can move them further along in their career. We also recognize and reward our best performers. We offer a competitive benefit package, as you can see,

and these jobs are really very, very well-paying jobs with a full benefit package. And we think that the Mason-Dixon project is just a great --- I forgot what I was going to say. I'm sorry. I'll be available for questions later. Thank you.

### MR. SNYDER:

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7 Thank you, Sue. To wrap up real quickly before we move on to the latter portion of the 8 presentation, I just want to conclude from Penn 10 National's perspective. As I mentioned, we've been working with Mr. LeVan since early this year. 11 12 looked at several opportunities. You will hear from 13 us later in a northeastern opportunity. You will also 14 hear from us later in another south central 15 opportunity. We do feel strongly that if this Board does make a determination to go the southern strategy, 16 17 which would be something along the southern tier if 18 the State of Pennsylvania, this is the strongest of those prospective applicants, given the team that's 19 20 involved, given the facility and given the location. We've made that commitment to provide 100 percent of 21 22 financing, we've made the commitment to provide 100 23 percent of the necessary resources to see this project So, thank 24 come to fruition, if this Board so chooses. 25 you.

## ATTORNEY SCHRIER:

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I'd now like to introduce 2 Thank you. 3 Randall Fine as further evidence of how the principals involved in this appeal decided to address this and determine for themselves whether this project was 6 suitable and, of course, eligible. It was important to them to really assess where they fit in to the gaming market in Pennsylvania and the other potential competitors that might exist. That was something that they wanted to do, and they wanted to do that by 10 obtaining an independent review of what was available 11 and what kinds of things this Board would be looking 12 13 at and what kinds of things were important to the 14 Commonwealth in selecting a Category 3 Operator. 15 in doing so, they went to the Fine Point Group, and the head of the Fine Point Group is here with us 16 today, Mr. Fine. 17 18 Randall Fine has extensive gaming and operator experience. He was Corporate Vice President 19 20 of Total Rewards for Harris Entertainment, and was 21 actually one of the inventors of the key intellectual 22 property behind their Total Rewards program.

25 properties. He's been CEO of the Greektown Casino in

Officer of Icon. He has supplied New Jersey

worked for other operators. He's been Chief Marketing

Detroit, Michigan. And he also has an extensive background, as you can see, in terms of his educational background as well. So, I'd like to introduce Randall Fine.

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Good afternoon. And thank you very much for the opportunity today to speak to you, Mr. Chairman and Members of the Board. As Steve said, I'll be presenting a comparative assessment that takes 10 a look at these four projects. I started this effort about six weeks ago, and in doing so, visited all four 11 properties, toured them independently, and looked at 12 13 what they had prepared for you. So, while I certainly 14 don't think that my judgment is remotely as qualified 15 as yours, hopefully some of this work will be helpful in sort of identifying some of the issues to take a 16 17 look at. One other thing to know is our firm did not 18 --- while we do do work in Pennsylvania, we were not considered, nor do we apply, nor will we be the 20 management company for any of the four applicants in 21 this state, although we have done work in Pennsylvania 22 before.

So, how did we go about doing this? Wе 24 made a list of what we considered to be the key criteria that you need to consider in making your

decision. The criteria are quantitative and 1 2 qualitative in nature, but we did make two assumptions. We are casino operators. I like to say 3 stupid casino people. And so we didn't make legal assessments of whether each of the resorts was qualified from the legal definition, nor did we make an assessment of whether they met the statutory definition of a resort. We assumed that they all did. What we looked at were things like, would they maximize 10 revenue for the Commonwealth? How would they affect tourism and what would the economic impacts be on the 11 broader community? And so this next slide shows the 12 13 comparative nature, but I'm going to focus --- I'll 14 come back to this slide filled in at the end, but I 15 will focus on a few of these which I think are critical. 16

So, first, proposed casino sizes. Again, none of the information in this presentation is sourced out of the Fine Point Group. It's all sourced based out of the documentation that we were able to obtain from the four applicants. And the proposed casino sizes --- green means good, red means not good --- the Mason-Dixon and the Holiday Inn are the two that are proposing to take advantage of the full allocation of the machines and tables that they're

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allowed to, by law. And Nemacolin proposes a full allocation of machines, but not a full allocation of the tables, and the firm would properly --- and the Poconos did not propose to take advantage of either. I think that's important when you take a look at the gross gaming revenue estimates.

We've assigned a grade. Now, they're not all going to look like A or F as we go through this, but we've put what we consider a reasonable rating on 10 each of these categories. When you look at Mason-Dixon, given some of the financial analyses that 11 these guys did before, given the closeness and 12 proximity of people in the population, we think that 13 14 the \$83 million number that's been put forth for the 15 Mason-Dixon project is very reasonable. Nemacolin, we did not give a good grade to, largely because we're 16 17 unable to get a clear sense of what that project would 18 do. We found different numbers in their proposals to you than what we found in Isle of Capri, who is their 19 20 management company, presentations to their shareholders and in other forms, so we can't get a 21 22 good sense in the management company and the developer 23 have different senses for what the project is going It's hard for us to evaluate it. 24

At the firm, we felt their projections

were pretty aggressive based largely on the performance of other properties in the state. Αt 3 Holiday Inn, we weren't actually able to find well-sourced and well-documented figures on how they expected to do. This gives you a sense of the win per unit average, and I think it's relevant to point out Mount Airy, which we believe is a well-managed facility, looked at Fernwood, the lowest win in the state, which is going to be relevant for the next 10 slide. The other yellow bars represent the closest facilities to the four applicants, and you can see 11 Chester and National being the stronger performers. 12 13 Win per unit estimates for the four facilities, again, we felt Mason-Dixon, for the same reasons that you see 14 15 here, Nemacolin's are inconsistent between the company and Isle of Capri. Fernwood's are very aggressive. 16 17 Holiday Inn's are not supported by a disclosed financial source. 18

Again, you can see how the numbers compare. On this map, the blue columns, if you will, represent the win per unit per day on a scale basis of each of the open resorts, so the taller the blue column, the higher the win per unit per day. The red represents the expected win per unit per day from the three operators which have proposed numbers. You'll

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see, again, that you can see Fernwood was very high next to the Mount Airy, which is sort of behind it, as well as the Gettysburg Project and the Nemacolin Project. You can also see their proximity to other open casinos. State and local tax estimates fall largely from the overall gaming revenue figures.

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If we focus on geographic location strength, the slides will start to look a little bit different. We think Mason-Dixon has got a great 10 location given its closeness to the border, as well as 11 the population that surrounds it. The Holiday Inn 12 location is good in the sense that it's in an urban 13 area, but this area is already served by other 14 casinos. Fernwood we think is in a very crowded 15 market given its proximity in that area to Sands, as 16 well as the Mohegan Sun property. And Nemacolin, 17 having driven there --- as I said, we visited all four 18 of these properties --- is significantly removed from any metropolitan area, and I think we saw that in the 20 analysis of the numbers of people who live in the 21 area.

In terms of access to major traffic arteries, it's our belief the Holiday Inn has the best access. It's right off of a major artery.

25 Mason-Dixon is just several miles away, as I think was shown earlier in the presentation, and Fernwood is also several miles away from a major artery.

Nemacolin, by contrast, is 19 miles away from the

largest major artery.

One of the factors that may be relevant to you is a facility close to where people live and/or churches and daycare facilities. Neither Mason-Dixon nor Fernwood really appear to have that situation.

Holiday Inn is quite close to a number of residents, and Fernwood, as we'll show on the next slide, actually has --- I'm sorry, not Fernwood, Nemacolin has a church and a childcare facility directly across the street from the proposed facility.

In terms of the competitive situation, the proposed site in Gettysburg has the furthest distance from any other existing Pennsylvania property at 65 miles. Nemacolin is 45 miles from the Meadows, and Fernwood and Holiday Inn are both 25 miles or less from a current existing operator.

In terms of the ability to recapture the Pennsylvania gaming revenue, we did not give Holiday

Inn a very good score on this, largely because it is,
as you know, being here in Harrisburg, it's sort of
not near a border, so it's going to largely attract

folks who already live in Pennsylvania. Fernwood did

1 not get a good score because we believe, as I said before, that with those three properties --- Mount Airy, Pocono Downs and the Sands, that the New Jersey 3 revenue that is available to be recaptured has largely already been done so ---. Nemacolin we think has some possibility, however, we think that Meadows and Rivers have largely recaptured that revenue already, and Mason-Dixon as a relatively isolated facility we think has the best opportunity to bring revenue back over 10 the border.

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In terms of convenience of parking and access, both Mason-Dixon and Nemacolin, in our view, have adequate parking facilities in order to provide for their casino. However, Fernwood absolutely does not. They've not materially chosen to change the entrance and egress that they have for a relatively low-volume timeshare hotel resort. We don't believe as casino operators that it is remotely workable, and Holiday Inn, having visited it on kickball night and seen how busy the parking lot was, if kickball night was pretty busy, then we would imagine once a casino is there, they will be quite challenged.

Traffic impact. We believe that both 24 Mason-Dixon and Nemacolin will not have material traffic issues given how entrance and exit to their properties have been designed. However, reviewing the traffic studies and having formed our own professional views, we believe that Fernwood and Holiday Inn have issues with that. This is the flip side of being right off the highway, because they're right off the highway, but it is a very busy highway and a very busy road with a fair amount of retail and other business establishments. We think getting in and out of that facility is going to be challenging from a traffic perspective.

Convenience of casino to hotel, this is one that we believe is very important for you to take a look at. We've given Holiday Inn the best review here because they are the one project that actually proposes effectively to have the casino fully integrated, fully built in to their facility, which is ideal. Mason-Dixon, as we saw, is going to be a short covered walk, but a five-minute walk, so it's good, but we didn't choose to give it an A for that.

Fernwood, some of the rooms are going to be fully integrated, but unfortunately, the bulk of the rooms will sit across a fairly busy road, and in some cases, are several miles away. The rooms across the road are fairly distributed around the golf course. Nemacolin, we couldn't really figure this one out, to be honest

with you. As we toured the facility, they had 1 adequate room to put a casino right in their resort; ballroom space and other things, much as the other 3 operators have described. So, they would have gotten an A. However, they chose to put the casino 1.3 miles away from the rooms, a distance that's not walkable. And so in terms of integrating the facility into the main stead of the resort, it's a very, very far distance, and it's not practical. And I can tell you 10 from being in this business, casino customers don't want to get on their shuttle bus to get from their 11 12 hotel room to the casino. So, this is one that certainly puzzled us. 13

Cost to spend in the community. Mason-Dixon and Holiday Inn propose to spend the largest amount of money on their facilities. Nemacolin and Fernwood, by their own admission, propose to spend less.

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Ability to drive value to the community. 20 I think, as it was described here before, we believe 21 --- and frankly, as a Civil War history buff myself, 22 having been to Gettysburg a half a dozen times, we 23 believe --- and I think some of the research here backs up this notion, that people who come to this 24 25 facility will visit the Battlefield. People who come

to the Battlefield will do vice versa. We did not see, in the other three facilities, the types of spillover effects in tourism and local community benefits that we observed in the Gettysburg situation.

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Finally, this obviously has some relevance to one of the other applicants, but we prepared a brief analysis to compare Penn National as an operator to Isle of Capri. You'll know then I'm going to say some positive things about them, but Penn has never been a client of our firm, so there's no bias. There's no bias there. The reason we don't 12 have an operator for the fourth project is we weren't really able to ascertain that the Holiday Inn had anyone with any meaningful gaming experience at the helm of that project, so our sense is these two projects.

Penn National, in our view --- and they spoke a lot about their view of themselves, but it's a company with long-time executives --- whether it's Peter Carlino, who's been there for many years, or Tim Wilmott, who has a very long career only working at two companies, Harris for a very long time, and more recently Penn. It's people who've been loyal to the employers that they have worked with. And they also spoke about how much cash they have.

company is sitting on a better balance sheet than Penn National.

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3 Isle of Capri, on the other hand, is a Missouri company with no experience either in Pennsylvania or any of the jurisdictions surrounding Pennsylvania. So, not only do they not have a property here, but not in Atlantic City or Maryland, or any of these states that sit around it. management team has not been as stable. They've been 10 moved from place to place. And they run relatively high SGA expenses, spending a fair amount of their 11 12 time working on development deals in other jurisdictions that sort of have come and gone without 13 14 the same level of, I think, solidity that you see from 15 Penn National.

Wall Street has noticed this. This chart, the blue, if you look at the blue line, it represents Penn National, and Isle is the red line. You can notice that sort of Isle's performance over the past several months has really sort of taken a hit, while Penn continues to perform quite well. So, Wall Street itself backs up what the Penn folks say about themselves with a very positive view in the community.

In terms of liquidity, Penn is sitting on

seven times as much cash as the Isle, and I think that's relevant, because clearly one of your criteria is ability to consummate the transaction once it is complete. It's one thing to give someone a license, it's another thing for them to actually complete and build the facility, which sort of gets to one of my final slides, which is something that we observed, that we believe that there's a real commitment risk on the part of Isle to be able to complete this project.

and before I go through this slide, Isle submitted a letter to you yesterday about our participating in this presentation today. They said a number of things about the fact that we compete with them at times, but what they didn't say in that letter is that any of the information presented in this slide was incorrect. And so I don't know if it's fair to say that means it's tacit assent, but I think it says something that they chose not to comment on that.

Isle has two major development projects in the pipeline that combined, by their estimate, will cost \$175 million. They have \$63 million cash on hand, and the ability, based on their covenants, to borrow around another \$110 million. That would eat up all of that --- those two projects would eat up all of that money with no cash on hand, which isn't a

practical thing to do as a casino operator. So, in our view, we believe that should they win both projects --- and they have a reasonably good chance to win the project in Missouri --- they'll either drop one or they'll have to get a covenant change. So, we think there's a real risk that they won't --- that they would not be able, or they would choose, I should say, not to finish the project were they to win both of these licenses.

I think I've covered this. So, at the end of the day, this represents that chart again with our view of the performance of the four properties.

Green, we, to summarize, gave an A; D and F we put in red. You'll see that with a few examples, we think that the Mason-Dixon project is quite positive, the Holiday Inn project and the Nemacolin project, less so, and we've got some real concerns as well about the Fernwood project. I'm certainly happy to answer any questions that you have about this analysis when we get to the question time, but in the interests of time, I wanted to move through this rather quickly. So, thank you all very much. Thanks for your time.

#### MR. LEVAN:

Thank you. Last December, I reached out to the Civil War Preservation Trust and three other

preservation organizations, and received a letter from them in January, basically where they outlined five reasons for opposition to this project. And I'll go 3 through these quickly. Mason-Dixon will significantly increase traffic. I think we've dealt with the traffic issue. Mason-Dixon will generate incompatible large-scale development. In Pennsylvania, the municipalities are responsible for that. I will tell you, as a resident of Cumberland Township, I'm very 10 satisfied with the way the Township supervisors diligently work the balance and needs of their 11 12 taxpaying constituents with the Park, and with the development issues. So, I think that's dealt with in 13 14 terms of reliance on Cumberland Township, I think ---. 15 Mason-Dixon will have eye-catching

signage. We pointed out to you, both the signage that exists today as well as the low-profile design of the signage that we would put out at the Emmitsburg Road entrance, and I think we've dealt with that. A gaming facility at Gettysburg conflicts with the essential 21 meaning of Gettysburg. And I think here is probably the heart of most of the opposition that you hear so articulated. And there really aren't any facts that can describe this. It is really, I think, in my words, saying that somehow gaming at this facility

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would be disrespectful to the men who fought and suffered and died on the Battlefield of Gettysburg.

Personally, I don't believe that, and if you look at Terry Madonna's poll response to the residents of Adams County, they don't believe it, either. I put my own record for preservation on the line and understand that this --- and I've done a lot of soul searching about this, as to whether this, in fact, would demean the meaning of Gettysburg, and I wouldn't be involved in this if I thought it did.

And finally, Mason-Dixon would conflict with the proven economic engine heritage tourism.

We've talked an awful lot about Dr. Morais' report and how visitors today are looking for multiple alternatives and how this would actually cause engines of growth across the various types of tourists. And so I think --- you know, we've talked a lot about Vicksburg. We showed a film at the public input hearing about the relationship between Vicksburg and gaming. We were going to show that film again today, but in the interests of time we're not going to do that. Brendan Synnamon, who is the President of the Gettysburg Battlefield Preservation Association was introduced and sworn in. He's here should you have any questions of him about how he views preservation

and the importance of economics to the engine to really drive true preservation.

And so with that what I'm going to do is introduce Paul Winfield as our last speaker before I turn it over to Mr. Schrier to make the concluding remarks, to state as the mayor of Vicksburg, put the record straight in terms of what some things that have been said about his city. And particularly to hear from him from firsthand experience about how well a Civil War battlefield of significant importance can co-exist with gaming operations. Mr. Winfield?

#### MR. WINFIELD:

Thank you, Dave. I guess I should say good afternoon, everyone, to the Chairman and the Board, to the other distinguished panelists who've come before you this morning, and our audience. It brings me great pride and pleasure to come before you as the mayor of the great City of Vicksburg,

Mississippi and as an ambassador of my city. Many of you may wonder why I'm here. Some time back, I was contacted by a wonderful lady, a young lady who's in the audience about some misconceptions that were perpetuated, as I see it, to this distinguished panel regarding gaming and its negative effects upon my community in particular, that being Vicksburg. And I

1 thought that it would be most appropriate for me to come before you to clarify my position as it relates to our community and what gaming has meant to Vicksburg, Mississippi.

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Before I begin, I guess I would just like to share with you, some of you in the audience may have received a letter, and I'm grateful to you gentlemen for allowing this letter to have been read to this Board, about what gaming has meant in our community. But before I go into that, I'll tell you a little bit about me. And I'm not going to bore you 12 because I know we've listened to a lot of people today. But I am an attorney. Prior to becoming the mayor --- I'm a father of a rambunctious five year old who's waiting on me to come home tonight. I'm married to an attorney. Prior to getting into elective office, I had advised boards of various types, government --- quasi-government types, done quite a bit of public finance, tried cases on all levels except the Supreme Court, federal and state levels.

So, I'm no newcomer to the game and I understand the implications and the dynamics. also understand the charge with which this Board has to the Commonwealth in a fiduciary type relationship to choose the entity that would best fit the

Commonwealth for gaming.

And with that being said, I find

Vicksburg to be a very analogous type of scenario,

because my community, which sits on the

Mississippi/Louisiana line --- we overlook the river,

the mighty Mississippi. But we're about 40 minutes to

the west of Jackson, Mississippi, which is our state

capitol. And I will tell you, after five casinos,

which is arguably the largest proliferation of casinos

in a historic community, we receive nearly 50 percent

of our business from Jackson.

And I submit to this Board that we've heard the economist, we've heard the individuals talk about the traffic scenarios and patterns, and the abilities for this operation to be successful. I submit to you that you all also have the same challenge of determining which operation would be best fitted for this state. And I submit to you today I'm here on behalf of the Mason-Dixon Resort.

And I can tell you it's been very successful in our community, in Vicksburg, that is.

We have the seventh lowest millage rate, which is the --- our means of taxing our real property. We're the seventh lowest out of 82 counties in the State of Mississippi. And we have, to date, experienced --- and

this is the City of Vicksburg, the Warren County Board of Supervisors and the Vicksburg Warren School District, monies in excess of \$170 million since 1993 that have come into our coffers that have assisted us. And my city today is in the black. And we benefit and have benefited greatly.

In particular, when we look at rural communities, you'll find, and I've done some reading on the township, Gettysburg, Adams County, and some of the challenges that they're faced with, it's not unique. I mean, all of us right now during these economic times are facing hardships and the challenge of having a balanced budget.

So, as it relates to any opposition, which I do respect it, this would be a wonderful win-win opportunity for this community. And I submit to you that anyone who is truly in favor of historic preservation, you will find that this will not only benefit the community because of the economics of it, but you're going educate more people about Gettysburg.

And I consider myself a history buff having been a native son of Vicksburg, Mississippi, and I can tell you it's a wonderful opportunity because you're going to expand the options of your community. And every community has its own value-

added propositions. So, not only will you have traffic that will come in from people throughout this county who really need to be educated about the men and possibly women who have lost their lives fighting in one of the greatest battles of our country in all times. You're going to have various members of each family who will have their interests involved. And it's going to increase the travel experience.

9 In terms of our military park, the 10 Vicksburg National Military Park, I was surprised to know that Gettysburg National Military park doesn't 11 charge admission, but we do in Vicksburg. And I will 12 13 say this to you, in all of the parks, national 14 military parks in the State of Mississippi, Vicksburg 15 National Military Park is the only park that has received in an increase in travel, at this point in 16 time, year to year. We have a 2.4 percent increase. 17 Nationally what we found is that the national military 18 parks system has had a little less than a one percent 19 20 decrease in visitors, I think six-tenths of a percent 21 less.

Now, can I make a direct correlation?

Well there's an argument for it. But I submit to you that our economy is much better off. The City of Vicksburg operates on a \$70 million --- which we're a

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real small community, but we operate on a \$70 million annual budget with \$32 million of that being in our general fund, which are discretionary funds. And the direct benefit to our city is nearly one fourth of that \$32 million that we benefit from, and it has helped us to maintain a low tax rate, which we all know is a direct benefit to the economy in terms of luring industry in, such as gaming, and any other industry that comes in and makes the community a much more attractive place.

We've also found in our community that our sales tax variances have shown a five percent increase, which is not usual because right now pretty much everybody is sucking wind in the business market as they try to capture new foot traffic.

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There was a gentleman who had come before this assembly. I believe his name was Mr. Siegel.

And he made a statement that really, really, really is one of the main reasons why I'm here, because I don't have an interest in this other than as a friend and as an elected official who knows the challenges of rural America. He made a statement that said that you can get ten of your best friends to a picnic with a blanket in the middle of the intersection in downtown Vicksburg and you won't delay a single vehicle. Well,

I submit to you, if he goes down there and does that,
he might be coming back in a not so good way.

3 But with all due respect, Vicksburg has its challenges. And one of the greatest challenges, in my opinion, of our community --- and I'm a relatively newly elected mayor, we haven't totally captured the essence of our natural resource, which is our river. And that's one of the challenges that I face. You know, every community has citizens, we call 10 them --- no offense to anybody on any side inhere, we 11 call them CAVE people, Citizens Against Virtually Everything. Somebody's going to be against ---12 13 somebody's going to be against a little bit of 14 everything. And we accept that and we appreciate 15 that, but on the same token, we all have a challenge to move our communities forward and to do it in truth, 16 17 do it based on logic, not on emotion, and to look at the hard facts. 18

And the hard facts are you all have a super military park, a national military park, not too far from here. It will add not only to the base of the Gettysburg area to have this type of establishment here, it's going to make Harrisburg a much more attractive place. We do the same thing for Jackson, Mississippi. A lot of people come in that handle

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business, they deal with the capital. They may have a cocktail or two, but there's nothing else to do at night. Well, guess what? They're going to get on that road and they're going to ride over there. And that will be a direct benefit to this Mason-Dixon Resort. And the ultimate bottom line is that this operation be successful.

In our community we have over 2,000 jobs with wages and benefits, and a lot of those people aren't necessarily the lawyers and the doctors of our communities. They're people who are in desperate need of work. And I submit to you it'll assist in lowering the unemployment rate in this area, and that's from a regional perspective because we have nearly 6,000 people traveling to our community daily to work. We have seen in Vicksburg an increase in hotels of --- nearly a one-fourth increase, and that to me doesn't sound like a community where you can lay a blanket in the middle of the intersection.

In particular, about our downtown, what I found is that ten years ago --- and I'll attribute this to my predecessor. I don't give him too much credit. My predecessor ten years ago, we only had ten residents living in downtown Vicksburg paying an average rent of \$500, which I guess in layman's terms

would amount to about \$60,000 a year if everybody paid their rent on time. We all know that's not always the case. But today we have over 60 people living in 3 downtown Vicksburg, and they pay an average rent of \$1,100. And so that's an option to receive almost \$750,000 annually in rental income.

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Now, we're a small city. That doesn't get people real excited necessarily with these numbers, but I submit to this council that Vicksburg, Mississippi has an excellently integrated marriage between gaming, which is just one of the capacities of business in Vicksburg and we've done very well with it. We also are home to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and we have the largest inland port in the State of Mississippi that's full.

So, tourism is an excellent opportunity to capture not only opportunities for the park, but for the bed and breakfasts, the local mom and pops. And I submit to this council and to the audience that the challenge, the greatest challenge is going to be, 21 how do you meet opportunity, this opportunity. Because you all need to be thinking about how can you capitalize on this opportunity for increased traffic and make this --- make the Commonwealth a better place?

So, I thank you all. I thank this assembly and thank you for your time. And best of luck. God bless you.

### ATTORNEY SCHRIER:

Thank you, Mr. Mayor. I don't think any of us will be setting up our blanket any time soon.

### MR. WINFIELD:

Don't do that.

# ATTORNEY SCHRIER:

But at this time, Mr. Chairman, that would conclude our remarks and our presentation. I 12 would like to reserve our closing argument for after the Q and A.

#### CHAIRMAN:

Thank you, Counselor. Why don't we take a quick ten-minute break and reconvene? You guy obviously stay at the table (phonetic) when we come back for questions. Thank you.

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# CHAIRMAN:

Thank you. Why don't we --- if I could 22 please just ask everybody to please be seated and keep your voices down so everybody else can hear the questions and answers. Thank you. Why don't we get started with questions from the Board. Mr. Sojka?

## MR. SOJKA:

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Certainly. Let me state the obvious for all my colleagues before we start, too, but I think it's important --- you can tell from what we've heard today that we're going to be faced with a very complex decision based on all sorts of data being put together in a variety of different ways. And we may ask questions that may sound, or at least --- I'm going to speak for myself here, that may sound pointed, and they're really not. I'm not a prosecutor; okay? I'm just trying to make sense of some of the things we've heard. And so that's going to be the nature of the tone; okay? You'll probably hear that over and over.

First of all, I'd like to ask just a very brief question of Mr. Lashinger. Is he still here?
Is he gone?

# MR. LASHINGER:

Over here.

#### MR. SOJKA:

Okay. I don't see him. I see it. Real quick question. You were speaking about the long history of the advent of gaming in Pennsylvania, and you mentioned that the Eisenhower Inn had long been considered a viable location for a Category 3 facility. And I believe you mentioned at that point

that you were looking at things such as guest rooms and radiuses. And I think radiuses must mean distance 3 from other places. And I wonder how you could even have that discussion prior to the awarding of any licenses.

### MR. LASHINGER:

Thank you, Mr. Sojka. It's a fair question and I think there's a misunderstanding.

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## MR. LASHINGER:

When the legislation was being discussed and pieces put together, other items came into play. 14 Best example, there are qualifying resorts within 10 miles and 15 miles of CAT-1s and CAT-2s. And when that radius issue was inserted into the statute, meaning that you couldn't be within a certain radius, some fell off the list.

Those radiuses were negotiated at about the same time while the entire statute was negotiated in the same time frame.

#### MR. SOJKA:

23 But there would have been no CAT-2s at There would have been CAT-1s. 24 that point.

### MR. LASHINGER:

Well, we know --- I saw specific lists of properties without a condition of a radius that were clearly developed and passed around that had hotels that had 275 or more rooms.

#### MR. SOJKA:

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Those are the CAT-3s?

# MR. LASHINGER:

Those are the CAT-3s, and the amenities that were necessary. And as debate wore on some of those facilities were --- no one intentionally eliminated them, but through the negotiation and the process, radiuses were added because certain operators who --- CAT-1s were pre-qualified.

### MR. SOJKA:

They're pre-qualified. CAT-2s were not awarded and the CAT-3s ---.

### MR. LASHINGER:

Right. So, automatically proximity to some of the CAT-1s eliminated some of the hotels. The best example would be because of the density in southeastern Pennsylvania, some of the hotels up in the northeastern part of the city or in Bucks County that may have the room component would automatically be removed from the list because of their proximity to Philadelphia Park. And as you know, I'm certain that

1 the radius issue was heavily debated. That went lots of different directions. We, at one period of time in Chester, could have been in and could have been out with our proximity to the city and being there in the city of Chester in Delaware County so close to some of the operations in the City of Philadelphia.

# MR. SOJKA:

Okay. Well, that helps me to understand what was going on at that point. Could I ask a question of Mr. Madonna? Is he still here?

### DR. MADONNA:

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#### MR. SOJKA:

DR. MADONNA:

Again, and I really am not in any way questioning your methodology. Because I've been a fan for a long time, and I know you know how to do these things. But can I just ask something taking one of your data points and ask it in a different way? then please, just amuse me. But can I look at your data and conclude --- and I'm asking this. Can I conclude that 38 percent of the residents, over a third of the residents of Adams County, feel that MDR would damage the historic sense of the Gettysburg area? Can I draw that conclusion from your data?

Well, the question as worded simply states do you think that opening the casino at the Eisenhower Hotel and Conference Center in Cumberland Township will harm the historic character of Gettysburg National Park? Sixty-two (62) percent no, 35 percent yes. The question as worded was simply put in a bundle of questions that dealt with all sorts of effects that might take place should the casino open there.

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But this one third or so do think it will harm the historic character. We provided no necessary 12 help because once you go there, once you start supplying information, either positive or negative, you can create context effects that could influence what people say.

But I think it is a reasonable conclusion that one third of the people feel that way. But almost two-thirds of the people feel the opposite way, sir.

# MR. SOJKA:

Right. That was an important one to know, and obviously here is the rub. This is a question that will be essentially special to this particular project. I don't know that this is going to be a relevant question, for example, if we're

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1 talking about the Holiday Inn on the other side of
  this city. So, these are the kinds of problems we're
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  going to have to grapple with. But I thank you for
  that, and that's really all I need from you. And it
  feeds back, Mr. LeVan, to your comments, again, about
  this issue. And of course, this is something we're
   going to have to grapple with. Can I ask Mr.
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## MR. GINTY:

Three percent. Is that a high or low or does that tell us anything?

## DR. MADONNA:

7 Yeah. Well, normally I think that would be low but make no mistake about it. This subject of a casino in Gettysburg is not a new subject, and it 10 has been vigorously debated for some time. So, more often than not when you have subjects where there's a 11 12 high rate of interest in the community, or in the 13 state for example, it does drop the undecideds. And 14 believe me there was vigorous coverage of the proposal 15 in the media in Adams County and, indeed, the media in south central PA, from both, you know, pro and con 16 17 groups for a long period of time. And we did have --you know, as high as seven percent talk about 18 increased crime. These are fairly straightforward 19 20 questions without a lot of ambiguity to it. And that 21 also will tend to drop the undecided, sir.

#### MR. GINTY:

Again, in your experience, if this was a political poll, would you draw any conclusions?

## DR. MADONNA:

Well, if we want to look at political 1 2 polls, by the end of the vote --- you know, most of 3 the polls done, for example, in the general election, if you don't give people lots of options out like do you want to write in a candidate, you can get down to seven, eight, nine percent undecided just in the polls that were done. Some of them may be up to ten. don't think this is unusual for this kind of survey, but I don't think you can quite compare it to the 10 normal political surveys where you've got --- you know, you start with a fair number of people who 11 aren't registered to vote. You start with a fair 12 13 number of people who aren't paying attention to the qubernatorial, senatorial, heck, even maybe 14 15 presidential elections as well.

But I will tell you this is a fairly low number. But on the other hand, when we asked people about the question of general interest, we did find a lot of interest in this issue, a lot more than, you know, you might expect to find in normal political polls.

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Thank you.

CHAIRMAN:

Mr. Coy?

MR. COY:

Thank you. Dr. Madonna, good afternoon.

DR. MADONNA:

Good afternoon.

MR. COY:

I might have missed this, and if I did, I apologize. But my question has to do with the nature of your poll being site specific or not site specific. In other words, which of your questions that were asked to be answered were relative to this specific site or not?

#### DR. MADONNA:

Yeah. Well, what we did was to identify the casino at the Eisenhower Hotel and Conference Center in Cumberland Township. So, we were specific as to that point.

## MR. COY:

In each question?

#### DR. MADONNA:

Well, when we asked it --- for example, we asked a question previous to that, there is currently a proposal to open a resort casino in Cumberland Township at the existing Eisenhower Hotel and Conference Center. This limited casino would have 600 slot machines and 50 table games. Have you heard,

read, or seen anything about this proposed casino or not? Seventy-one (71) percent, this goes back to the gentleman's question here, 71 percent indicated that yes, they had seen, read or heard something about it.

So, when it got to the questions that were important in terms of were you paying attention to it, were you aware of it, and then the big question about whether you favored opening a limited casino, we did point out that the Eisenhower Hotel and Conference Center was in Cumberland Township, yes.

## MR. COY:

So, you really did not give people a chance to comment on any other place in Adams County?

## DR. MADONNA:

Well, that was the only issue, as we understand it, before the Board. I mean, we didn't sort of go and say --- although we did ask the question about the proposed casino in 2006 in Straban Township in Adams County. That was an earlier one, and that was mostly just to find out if they had recalled the proposal, did they favor it or not. There was nothing unusual about that. But no, we did not --- because there was no other proposal before the Board, there would have been no reason, Representative Coy, for us to, you know, go in that direction, sir.

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And these questions were asked totally in a vacuum? In other words, there was no other questions, you didn't ask a question about other issues while you were doing these?

## DR. MADONNA:

7 No. The sequence of the questions is, these polls, as you know, very, very important. And we did not provide any helpful information in advance 10 of that question. Now, following that question, following it, we did ask these questions that I 11 alluded to earlier, which said do you think that 12 13 opening a casino at the Eisenhower Conference Center in Cumberland Township will ---? And we asked 14 15 questions about crime, and traffic, and jobs, and business and historic character. But that was after 16 17 we asked the pivotal question of whether they supported the casino or not. The question about the 18 casino was question number nine in a questionnaire 19 20 that had about 29 or so substantive questions. So, we 21 supplied no helpful information upfront. We didn't 22 lead the interviewees, as we say, in one direction or another, sir. 23

## MR. COY:

And finally, were there any questions or

answers which stopped the survey? In other words, if someone said one thing or another ---?

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The way the interviewing process would work --- I mean, in the course of doing interviews, as I think everyone is familiar with this process, that there are people who will get into a survey and for whatever reason say we're having dinner. Can I call you back or will you call me back? 10 We all go through this prospect, but nothing to stop the survey. I mean, we were in the field consistently. 12 We did a certain number of what we call refusal turnarounds and callbacks to people to make sure we 13 got a reasonable high response rate. 14

As I said, we used the same methodological procedures that we would use on any survey that I've done, now, well over into the hundreds for all sorts of organizations, sir.

#### MR. COY:

I said lastly and I apologize. I thought of two further things. Were these folks all registered voters or not?

#### DR. MADONNA:

These were adults. We did ask in a 24 No. 25 set of ---.

MR. COY:

As opposed to registered voters who are not adults?

### DR. MADONNA:

Yeah. That's right. We asked these questions only of adults and we were not interested in whether they were registered voters, although in the demographic section, which is the last part of the survey, which is typically the case if you're not doing a survey, you know, about registered voters where we did ask if people were registered, out-of-party registration, but that was at the end of the survey. And we didn't care, we weren't interested in whether they were registered voters or not.

### MR. COY:

And now lastly, were all these folks questioned on landlines or did you have any cell phones?

#### DR. MADONNA:

Well, basically these were largely landlines. If indeed in the process of doing it, cell phones popped up, they were interviewed. What tends to happen in this business today, and that's a big question, is that certain regions of the state have a higher propensity for landline use --- cell phone to

landline use than others. Our state is not one of the 1 high cell phone usage states yet, though in all of the surveys that we are moving to we will include 3 landlines. But let me just say this. What we do because of under-representation in groups of people with high proportions of cell phones is to perform a statistical adjustment called weighting. pollsters weight their polls, and this survey was weighted for a series of demographics including age, 10 education, gender and zip code to ensure that they balanced the census. And you've heard how important 11 that is in other presentations. 12

## MR. COY:

Thank you, sir.

#### DR. MADONNA:

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Back to Commissioner Sojka.

#### MR. SOJKA:

Again, a quick one, not for Mr. Madonna. 21 Every time we meet I seem to get a new kind of dissidence. And this is a new one for me this morning. At the public access hearings, we heard a great deal about the economic difficulties in Adams County and surrounding Gettysburg. And we were given

the very believable and understandable problems of a very large battlefield, a college, a number of 3 churches off the tax rolls. We've heard from a county commissioner or supervisor or a township supervisor about what this is going to mean to the tax rate. We even heard testimony about foreclosures. heard emotional commentary about children possibly having to be put in foster care when homes were taken. A real economic problem. And yet, I hear Mr. Tyson say, yeah, but certainly we're 40 percent wealthier 10 than at least one other place that we're comparing to, 11 and therefore, you know, you should disqualify them 12 13 because there's going to be more difference between 14 their wealthy guests and their desperately poor 15 people. Which way are we supposed to go on this, is what I guess I would ask anyone who would care to 16 17 answer it.

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I'm not exactly --- I'm not a socioeconomist, but \$43,000, which is the median household income I think for the first two zones around Mason-Dixon --- I don't have statewide numbers with me, but that's not a particularly low number, as I recall looking at the state as a whole. It's certainly not a ---.

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You did pick out one other one and say it was substantially lower?

## MR. TYSON:

That's a matter of fact, it is.

## MR. SOJKA:

Well, then should we not be more worried about the plight of those folks? I mean, I can't put these two arguments together. I'm going to have to eliminate one or the other.

## MR. TYSON:

12 I don't think \$43,000 --- I mean, Yeah. 13 if you told me the area had a median household income 14 of \$43,000, I wouldn't expect to see closed doors, 15 people in foster care, people rummaging around the streets. I don't think that's the level of poverty. 16 17 My only point was whatever the area is right around 18 Nemacolin, it has a lower standard of household income 19 than Adams County.

## MR. SOJKA:

Okay. Well, you can tell some of us are thinking about those.

## MR. TYSON:

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MR. SOJKA:

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# ATTORNEY SCHRIER:

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Mr. Fine indicated that he also would like to answer that question, if that's ---.

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## MR. TYSON:

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Is that agreeable?

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## MR. FINE:

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I can answer that question. The reason

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analysis for that \$43,000 number don't live in the

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I guess one population is a small subset of a much larger population. That's the reason that

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## MR. SOJKA:

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And just finally, because we're going to

1 hear this over and over, and so I'm going to --- and I know my colleague's going to mention this. I'm having some problem with the issue of the impact --- and this 3 is, by the way, for Mr. Tyson --- the percentage of impact on the total revenue that's going to actually come from overnight quests. And if my arithmetic's right, it's only going to be about 12.8 percent of the revenue, meaning something like 72 percent or 71.2 percent of the revenue is going to come from people who drive in with their principal, obviously, intent, 10 to gamble at a casino. And I'm having trouble putting 11 12 that together with how that's going to positively 13 impact tourism to the --- you know, to the military 14 park and things of that sort. You're going to hear 15 this question, I think, from a lot of my colleagues. So, somebody take a shot at that or just wait until 16 17 you get a more specific question.

## MR. MCCABE:

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Let me add to that because that is actually one of my points of concern. Your numbers, your drive-time numbers are great, if you going to open up a Category 2 facility --- well, if they're going to open up a Category 2 or it's going to be open to the whole public. You're going to be opening up a Category 3 which requires that this casino be limited

in number of slots and table games, but also be 1 2. limited to another amenity at the location --- at the resort location. You have to be either --- you have 3 to be a quest staying at the resort or using the other amenities there to be able to go to the casino. You numbers --- I'm in agreement with Commissioner Sojka. I think your numbers are way out of line because it's taking in the whole population. It's not taking in just what's going to be at the resort. And I'd like 10 to know, did you consider that? And also, along the lines, what's been the resort's occupancy rate for the 11 last year? Did you look at that, and then based on 12 13 the occupancy rate, then look at how a casino would 14 either add or subtract to that occupancy rate and then 15 come up with maybe more accurate numbers?

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We did. I think the occupancy rate for the last two years we had was somewhere in the vicinity of 35 percent. We estimated that the resort would stabilize at about 74, which is a lot less than the Atlantic City casinos or the Connecticut casinos. Somewhere of a balance, primarily very strong on Friday, Saturday nights, holidays, summertime, less strong week nights. However, we do have convention and group meetings facilities. We have trade shows

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As it relates to the basic first question of the mix between overnight win, overnight visitor win and drive-in win, I think your percentages are probably right on. I don't have them at the top of my head ---

## MR. SOJKA:

I did them in my head.

## MR. TYSON:

--- but 15 percent would appear to make And that's strictly a measure that there are sense. only so many hotel rooms and so many people visiting And we figure 20 percent of those would there. gamble. That percentage may prove to be high --- or excuse me, may prove to be higher once the experiences occurs. But it still is far outweighed by the 60minute gravity of the drive-in market. That's just a fact of life. It's not to say that we're not looking for overnight demand, but we're limited with the number of hotels that we've got in Adams County, and also out where Nemacolin is as well. If you're in a city like Philadelphia, in Philadelphia we projected I think --- and they've got a million and a half occupied rooms a year in Philadelphia. Twelve (12) percent of their win at the CAT-2s would come from

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### MR. SOJKA:

One real quick, final question for Mr. Dissinger, and that is do you --- and it ties into one of Mr. Fine's comments. Are you planning on having any kind of conveyance to take people on that, what point six-tenths of a mile walkway that will be covered, or will everybody have to hoof it from the hotel to the casino and back?

## MR. DISSINGER:

The walkway --- it's .3 miles from the

12 entrance.

## MR. SOJKA:

.3 miles, okay.

### MR. DISSINGER:

A the walkway is 1,200 feet, so it's a little less than a quarter of a mile, a five-minute walk, covered. But there are shuttles and parking adjacent to the casino. There are 700 parking spaces adjacent to the casino, 100 valet, so that they can 21 move back and forth.

#### MR. SOJKA:

23 That's for the nonresident folks that are

24 driving in?

## MR. DISSINGER:

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Even for those that are staying overnight 1 2 at the conference or at conference meetings. 3 MR. SOJKA: They can get in their car and drive? 4 5 MR. DISSINGER: 6 They can drive over to the casino or take the shuttle. 8 MR. SOJKA: 9 That's fine. Thank you. 10 MR. GINTY: 11 I have a follow-up question for Mr. Tyson. As I understand it, you did the same study for 12 13 Valley Forge? 14 MR. TYSON: 15 That is correct. 16 MR. GINTY: 17 Was that the Philadelphia example that you referred to in a prior question? 18 19 MR. TYSON: 20 No. Well, I was primarily thinking about 21 SugarHouse and something in downtown Philadelphia. 22 MR. GINTY: 23 On Valley Forge, what was the breakdown, 24 you know, between guests using the gaming facilities 25 versus people driving in?

# 126 1 MR. TYSON: 2 If I recall, it was somewhat higher. 3 You'd have to go back and look at the report I submitted. 5 MR. GINTY: 6 Somewhat higher in what respect? MR. TYSON: In terms of more overnight visitor 8 contribution because there are thousands of --- at 10 least a thousand hotel rooms right in the area who 11 count as overnight quests. And it's an easy trip for 12 them to get to Valley Forge to the convention center. 13 So, that tended to bump the overnight visitor segment 14 in Valley Forge. 15 MR. GINTY: Do you recall --- is there an average 16 17 overnight stay projected for Mason-Dixon? recall, Valley Forge was about two nights. 18 19 MR. TYSON: 20 That sounds right. I'd say 1.75 to 2. Ι 21 used one and a half nights at Mason-Dixon and in 22 Nemacolin two nights, because it's more remote. 23 CHAIRMAN:

You done, Jim?

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## MR. MCCABE:

Just a follow up on that. Then did you look at how much each of those other night customers spend?

#### MR. TYSON:

I did. In the case of Mason-Dixon, I assumed \$120 per person and for Nemacolin, I assumed \$200. And I might --- or I'm sorry, \$150. So, it was \$125 at Mason-Dixon and \$150 at ---.

## MR. MCCABE:

14 That's on top of the room or is that

That's just for gaming. I also did the Nemacolin

15 included?

## MR. TYSON:

17 Yeah, that's just for gaming.

numbers, I should have stated earlier, before I was made aware that their casino would not be attached to 21 the resort. When I did my overnight quest

22 assumptions, I assumed that you'd come down and then

23 the casino would be pretty much right there. If I had

24 to take that into account at this point in time, I

25 would probably discount that overnight visitor contribution somewhat for that distance factor.

CHAIRMAN:

Commissioner Angeli?

## MR. ANGELI:

Yeah. I have just a couple questions.

Some of them have to do with design and some of them have to do with the concept. And bear with me because it leads to just an opinion that I have that I need to get clarified. The Allstar building, what's in that now and is that part of what you propose as being an amenity to your project? And if you're going to remove that, are you going to put it somewhere else?

#### MR. LEVAN:

Yeah. What's in that building today is a large open expo space that has some sports activity associated with it. Then there's another approximately 20,000 square feet of space, which today has an arcade, pool tables, and youth-oriented activities. They will all be displaced by the casino. The 50,000 square foot expo space will basically become the casino floor under Ewing Cole's design plus the food service. The 20,000 square foot space roughly, as you saw in Don's design, would basically be back office space for the administrative staff, security, the Gaming Control Board representatives and

Pennsylvania State Police. Those things would not be replaced anywhere else. Those amenities basically would disappear under our plan, partly because those --- many of those are youth-oriented, and we don't believe, obviously, that we want to provide youth- oriented amenities. And so they will disappear, and I believe they probably should disappear.

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Okay. Thank you. Now, there were 700 parking spaces outside of that Allstar building? Is that were those parking spaces are?

## MR. DISSINGER:

That's correct.

## MR. ANGELI:

Because what it leads me to --- and it goes back to the concept of your daily customers. I mean, your projections are that a larger percent of your customers will be daily customers or surrounding customers rather than your hotel guests?

## MR. TYSON:

Correct.

#### MR. LEVAN:

And I think that has a lot to do obviously with the question of the amenities planned and other ways to capture visitors who are day

trippers and still meet the requirements of the Act.

MR. ANGELI:

Yes. Because it leads me to --- and, again, it's just an opinion, that it would appear that --- and maybe that's what you intended to do, that the design of this whole project really is more for the persons using the amenities and from the general region rather than those people who would come in from outside to stay at the hotel. And that's kind of contrary to the concept of the resort license that we --- that I think the legislature had contemplated in the beginning.

## MR. LEVAN:

I mean I think that --- and my guess would be --- and I don't know about the Valley Forge's numbers, but I don't know what the hotel at Valley Forge would accommodate, but we can look back in the record. I don't know that we would be vastly different than what you saw in Valley Forge.

## MR. ANGELI:

Mr. Lashinger.

#### MR. LASHINGER:

Thank you, Commissioner Angeli. It's an outstanding question. It may be the seminal question as regards to CAT-3, as to what the intent was. The

one thing, as a backdrop to your consideration, is these projects on a hotel-only basis are not sustainable. That is the problem. These are \$50, \$75, \$100 million investments, these are all business investments, and they're not sustainable without some serious use of the de minimis consideration rule that the legislature and this Board has put in place.

and the best example, I've spent the last few months studying the Greenbrier in West Virginia, an excellent example. They suffer from some of the same restrictions, the de minimis restrictions. Some of the best assets, the best collection of recreational assets in the country, surely in the eastern part of the country, and they are bleeding, bleeding money in the casino. Our smallest operator in Pennsylvania at times does, in gaming revenue in one day, one day, what they do in a few weeks' time, and sometimes in one month's time. And it's an impossible return of investment, so there must be some consideration, weighted consideration, given to near-end usage.

#### MR. MCCABE:

Then for the record, Mr. LeVan, can you explain to us how you plan on enforcing the rule that they have to be using another amenity and what other

amenity may they be using at your facility for them to be able to participate with the game?

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Yeah. I think I'm probably not the best to answer that. Kevin Hayes is going to deal with it.

## ATTORNEY HAYES:

7 Commissioner McCabe, we understood from the outset that this is obviously a unique challenge to the Category 3 Licensees. And so far, it's 10 unprecedented. So, what we did was we had two things in mind. We have this specific legal requirement, and 11 at the same time we have to make it so it's not 12 perceived as a deterrent from a marketing standpoint, 13 14 that this casino you have to pay \$10 to go to. 15 the plan that we came up with, in speaking with Tom Auriemma from Penn National and Joe Lashinger and his 16 17 operational experiences, we think the best way to address this is an access card. When someone 18 registers as a hotel guest, they receive an access 19 2.0 card. This access card entitles them to unfettered admission to the casino floor for the duration of 21 their stay at the resort. 22

The second is the patron of the amenities. And this is a very --- this is the most challenging aspect of all. Obviously, persons who

frequent one of our restaurants or use our pool, or some of the other amenities and pay \$10 consideration for that, receive a card. And then that card entitles them to admission to the floor for the next 72 hours.

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The question goes is can we --- and this is something we're going to have to develop with the Board's operational staff, can we allow them to purchase a food voucher that after --- that voucher can only be used at one of our restaurants? And through that purchase of that \$10 food voucher, that entitles them to admission to the floor for a 72-hour period.

And then the last group of persons who are allowed access to the floor is --- because of Senate Bill 711 is now these holders of memberships. So, we said, what kinds of memberships could we offer this facility? Well, we can offer a recreational membership where you have access to our lake, our campgrounds. And in consideration for becoming a member of that then you are entitled to have access to the floor for the duration of your membership. We also had a recreation --- or a sports and recreation membership where you have access to our fitness center and our tennis courts. And in consideration for that you get a card that gives you access to the floor.

The floor will be controlled by security personnel who would check these to make sure these cards are valid and that they are --- you know, the persons obviously are not --- before they would get the card, we would check to make sure that they are of age and not on the compulsive gaming lists.

But it is something that obviously that we're going to have to further develop with the dialogue with the Board staff because it hasn't been addressed. But I think the key here is if people perceive that they are getting something of value, 12 that it won't be a deterrent. It won't be a major deterrent. It won't be a major obstacle. And that's, you know, obviously the job of the operator.

### MR. GINTY:

Can I follow up with --?

## CHAIRMAN:

Go ahead.

#### MR. GINTY:

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#### ATTORNEY HAYES:

23 I believe it's established in the regulations as the definition of what is a de minimis 24 25 consideration.

1 MR. GINTY: 2 Whose regulations? 3 ATTORNEY HAYES: The Board's regulation. 4 5 MR. GINTY: 6 Do you recall what the original number was when we approved Valley Forge? 8 ATTORNEY HAYES: 9 I believe at that time --- at that time it may have still been \$10. I think it was changed 10 from \$25 to \$10 prior to Valley Forge being approved 11 12 for licensure, but I'm not positive. I could stand 13 corrected, but my understanding is even at the time 14 they applied, that it was a \$10 fee. 15 MR. GINTY: And as I recollect, that decision was in 16 17 existence when the amended legislation passed in, 18 what, January, February of this year? 19 ATTORNEY HAYES: 20 The \$10 de minimis criteria? 21 MR. GINTY: 22 Right. 23 ATTORNEY HAYES: 24 Yes. 25 MR. GINTY:

136 So, the legislature had an opportunity to 1 2 look at that? 3 ATTORNEY HAYES: Correct. 4 5 MR. GINTY: 6 And they went one step further and came up with this membership? 8 ATTORNEY HAYES: 9 Correct. 10 MR. GINTY: 11 I just wanted to make sure that I understood the issue. 12 13 ATTORNEY HAYES: 14 Okay. 15 CHAIRMAN: Commissioner Angeli? 16 17 MR. ANGELI: 18 Mr. Tyson, when you showed the map there was --- you had a point there that there were no bids 19 20 for a western casino that was nearby. Can somebody 21 shed a little bit of light on that? 22 MR. TYSON: 23 It's my understanding, and we had not 24 been retained to look into Rocky Gap except very 25 briefly for a Philadelphia client a couple of weeks

ago. Rocky Gap, which is that red diamond, yes, to the left center of the slide, apparently the problem with that facility is that while there are a couple 3 hundred quest rooms, it is too far remote and the tax rate is so high --- in Maryland it's 60-some percent. Nobody's been able to figure out how to pencil a deal that gives you enough gaming revenue to overcome your overhead and make any money. Occupancy at that property apparently is extremely low, very seasonal, 10 and they just don't have that necessary 0 to 60-minute population to help provide the basic gaming revenue to 11 make it a viable license. 12

## MR. ANGELI:

Thank you.

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Commissioner Coy?

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Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I guess it was Mr. Mariano who talked about the local benefit. And I was wondering --- almost similar to the question I asked Dr. Madonna earlier about the site specific nature. Were your responses about the amount of local benefit Adams County would receive from this a site specific response about this casino, at this location or would it apply equally to any other location?

# 1 MR. MARIANO: 2 The models we used for our impact 3 analysis were based specifically for Adams County. When you order the multipliers, you can custom order models for a specific geography, so ---. 6 MR. COY: So, it wasn't for this place? 8 MR. MARIANO: 9 No. It was for Adams County. 10 MR. COY: 11 All right. And how about --- someone made a point about local purchasing from the local 12 economy. I forget who did that. 13 14 MR. MARIANO: 15 It was probably myself. 16 MR. COY: 17 And would your answer be the same about 18 that? 19 MR. MARIANO: 20 Yes. It's local purchases of goods and services from vendors throughout Adams County. 21 22 MR. COY: 23 And it was not specific to this site? 24 MR. MARIANO: 25 It's specific for Adams County.

## MR. COY:

I have a couple Penn National questions. These guys are lucky they get to come before us for other matters, too. Thank you. One question is if the Board were to award the license to Mason-Dixon, what effect would that have on what you do at Hollywood? In other words, how would it affect your marketing, your investment, your employment? Would there be cross marketing, would there not be? Would there be less activity? Just talk about that a little bit.

## MR. SNYDER:

Yes, Commissioner Coy. Let's start with the fundamental question pf the source market that Mr. French had identified --- or excuse me, Mr. Tyson. I had someone else's name in my head. The source market that Mr. Tyson identified, you will see that that encroaches on the Grantville marketplace when you look at the northeastern quadrant of his catchment areas. These are ours. His are very similar.

We have looked at those customers that would be in overlapping areas between the Mason-Dixon Resort and the Penn National facility and we've identified approximately 25 percent of Mr. Tyson's un-inflated stable year revenue that would come at the

expense of Penn National --- of the Hollywood Casino at Penn National Racecourse. We do, however, feel 3 that by commonly managing these facilities, we will be able to drive incremental visitation, modest incremental visitation, modest incremental gaming spend through coordinated promotions using the 300 hotel rooms that exist at that Mason-Dixon Resort because there are no current hotels rooms, as you know, at Hollywood Grantville. There are approximate 10 hotel rooms but none that are commonly owned and commonly managed by ourselves. So, that we are 11 12 optimistic that the employment of those 300 hotel 1.3 rooms as a differentiator for this facility will allow us to offset some of that dilutive impact that this 14 15 facility will have on Penn National Racecourse, the Hollywood facility at Penn National. 16

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You displayed in your presentation a list of your very generous gifts and contributions toward non-profit organizations in the Penn National area.

Would this sort of gifting and contributing to non-profits be a similar situation for you in Adams County and would it affect those contributions that you give now?

#### MR. SNYDER:

The contributions, as Ms. Bailey 1 No. 2 mentioned, that we give now in Dauphin County, in 3 Lebanon County, in those areas which surround our Hollywood Grantville facility, would not be affected in any way, shape or form. We would continue those programs, support of those entities, support of those organizations. As was mentioned in our presentation, we would look to work with Mr. LeVan in the Adams County community, and complement work that he has 10 done, beneficiaries that he has identified, and use a portion of the revenue stream generated from this 11 12 facility specific to that community for charitable contributions. 13

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I guess I have a guestion that maybe Mr. 16 LeVan would best answer, and that has to do with Gettysburg College. What would the distance be? think I know but you know much better because you're there, the distance from the facility to Gettysburg College?

#### MR. LEVAN:

I think we actually had that measured out in an opening slide.

## MR. COY:

I missed it if ---.

# 142 1 MR. LEVAN: It's something in the five to six-mile 2 3 The mileage that I had on the overview, the aerial that we took, took it right up to about, I think --- what's the --- five point ---. 6 MS. BAILEY: 7 5.3 to Gettysburg College. 8 MR. COY: 9 Okay. And is there --- aside from 10 walking, is there a public transportation that students could use? In other words, how easy is this 11 going to be for college students to access? 12 MR. LEVAN: 13 14 Well, I mean obviously they will be 15 restricted in terms of the age requirement. obviously, many of the students would not qualify 16 17 because of the age limitation. 18 MR. COY: 19 Those that did? 20 MR. LEVAN: 21 Those that did qualify from an age 22 standpoint? 23 MR. COY:

MR. LE<u>VAN</u>:

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There is no public transportation today. 1 2 Part of the question that we raised, from an operating 3 standpoint, would it make sense to run some kind of transportation to the borough to allow our visitors to take advantage of the shops in downtown Gettysburg? So, the thought process is really, from our standpoint, the reverse of that. If you open that up to do that, is there then the possibility that college students could get on that transportation in the 10 reverse mode and go from downtown Gettysburg to the facility. I guess there would be some possibility for 11 that, sure. We haven't designed that yet, but we 12 13 certainly have a strategic concept based on our 14 attitude about sharing the success of this facility 15 with downtown Gettysburg. It's to get as many of these people interested in going to downtown Gettysburg and 16 17 facilitating their ability to do that.

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Would you consider --- if you did have transportation of this sort, would it be in your mind to consider age limitation before you could even use the transportation?

#### MR. LEVAN:

I think --- we'd have to think about that 25 because if we're families and you had a family staying

at the resort and the whole family wanted to go downtown. So, I mean, there are obviously pros and cons both ways. I understand your sensitivity. 3 think we would certainly take that into consideration on how we would deal with your concerns about the relationship to the college.

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And one more question about the distance between the casino building itself and the main entrance to the hotel. 1.3 miles, is that ---?

## MR. LEVAN:

1.3 miles from the Allstar building out to the entrance at the Emmitsburg Road.

## MR. COY:

And so you would --- I just want to clarify this. You would use busing to take people back and forth or ---?

## MR. LEVAN:

Well, you're talking about between the hotel building and the --- it's less ---. There's a 21 more direct line between the hotel building and the proposed casino building. And I think they've 23 estimated it at 1,200 feet, something in that range. The distance between the casino building and the hotel building. There would be the covered walkway to cover

145 that and there would be a shuttle service from the front of the hotel. 3 MR. COY: And the shuttle would be buses or a bus? 4 5 MR. LEVAN: 6 Some kind of a small bus type service from the front of the hotel to the main valet parking entrance, so just constantly running back and forth between those two locations. 10 MR. COY: 11 Thank you very much. 12 MR. LEVAN: You're welcome. 13 14 CHAIRMAN: 15 Commissioner Trujillo. 16 MR. TRUJILLO: 17 Thank you. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. 18 guess, Mr. LeVan, if next week or the following week I 19 wanted to spend the night at the well-established 20 Mason-Dixon Resort, what number would I call? 21 MR. LEVAN: 22 What phone number would you call? 23 MR. TRUJILLO: 24 Yes. How would I stay at the Mason-Dixon 25 Resort?

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Inn and Conference Center and make a nighttime
reservation by calling the Eisenhower Inn and
Conference Center. There is no Mason-Dixon,
obviously, today.

### MR. TRUJILLO:

And the Eisenhower, I believe I heard earlier testimony has approximately a 30 percent occupancy rate; is that accurate?

# MR. LEVAN:

I think Peter Tyson testified to that.

# MR. ANGELI:

And that comes from Smith Travel?

#### MR. TYSON:

No. That was from some former financial statements I got it in my report. I believe it was the last two fiscal years it was around 35 percent.

#### MR. TRUJILLO:

And do you know what the approximate rate per room is?

#### MR. TYSON:

Bear with me one second and I'll be more precise. These were for the calendar years '07 and '08. Occupancy in '07 was 28.3 percent at a \$94.61

average in rate. 2008 was 31.5 percent at a \$94.67 average in rate.

### MR. TRUJILLO:

And in your comparison with Nemacolin, did you look at the occupancy rate of Nemacolin?

# MR. TYSON:

I did not. They redacted their operating numbers from their submissions and there's no other way to get it.

# MR. TRUJILLO:

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#### MR. TYSON:

Yeah. I looked at going out to stay there and room rates on the weekend were \$400, \$500.

## MR. TRUJILLO:

And the adjustment that you made for the win per day, was it a difference of \$30 between a hotel that charges on average \$90-some per night and one that charges \$400 to \$500 per night? I believe you said \$125 to \$150 were the two numbers.

#### MR. TYSON:

Per person per day comes out more per 24 room because we had more people per room at Nemacolin 25 than we did at Mason-Dixon. But I think you're right. I think the difference was \$25, I used --- well, I used \$120 for Mason-Dixon and I used \$150, so \$30.

# MR. TRUJILLO:

And you're comfortable with those

numbers, sir?

# MR. TYSON:

They do seem reasonable to me.

#### MR. FINE:

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# MR. TRUJILLO:

I'll get to you in a little while.

MR. FINE:

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### MR. TRUJILLO:

Thank you. Your amenities that are described in your petition, I quess I'd like to hear what amenities you have --- or what amenities are at the Eisenhower Hotel today.

# MR. LEVAN:

Yeah. The amenities today are in the 22 building, the main hotel building today, there is a 23 restaurant. I think we did indicate how many thousand square feet of meeting and ballroom space. There are actually two separate ballrooms of approximately

1 10,000 square feet each. There is the indoor pool,
2 and around the indoor pool there is beverage and food
3 service. There is a restaurant in the hotel itself.
4 And of course, the lake provides the opportunity for
5 boating and, of course, the amenities we've talked
6 about that currently exist today. There are tennis
7 courts, an outdoor pool as well.

#### MR. TRUJILLO:

And are there additional amenities planned if you were to receive the license and the Mason-Dixon were to be established?

## MR. LEVAN:

There are no plans for additional amenities today. Clearly, opportunities to improve the quality of the existing amenities, I think there are clearly some things that can be done to enhance the use of the lake, which is under-utilized today. So, we would be taking existing opportunities to improve the utilization of existing amenities, but there are no plans for any additional amenities beyond the casino.

#### MR. TRUJILLO:

And Mr. Schrier maybe is somebody who can answer this set of questions because I've heard at least two of your witnesses testify. The one I think

150 said I don't have an interest. Another one says 1 there's no bias, and another one I think said this is 3 an independent review. Was Mr. Madonna compensated for his work and for his testimony here today? 5 ATTORNEY SCHRIER: 6 He was compensated for his survey activities, yes. 8 MR. TRUJILLO: 9 And by whom was he compensated? 10 ATTORNEY SCHRIER: 11 He was compensated by, I believe, 12 Mason-Dixon. 13 MR. TRUJILLO: 14 Mr. Fine's firm, was Mr. Fine's firm 15 compensated for his work today? 16 ATTORNEY SCHRIER: 17 Yes. 18 MR. TRUJILLO: 19 And by whom was he compensated? 2.0 ATTORNEY SCHRIER: Mason-Dixon Resorts. 21 22 MR. TRUJILLO: 23 And Mayor Winfield, was he compensated in 24 any way for being here today? 25 ATTORNEY SCHRIER:

He was not.

# MR. TRUJILLO:

Were his expenses paid?

# ATTORNEY SCHRIER:

His expenses were covered, yes.

# MR. TRUJILLO:

Okay. And Mayor Winfield, is his law firm or any other association that he has, compensated by Mason-Dixon or anybody else before us here today?

# ATTORNEY SCHRIER:

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# MR. LEVAN:

Let me just make a clarification on that. In addition to the compensation for his travel expenses, we have agreed to make a \$1,000 contribution to his own charitable foundation in his behalf.

### MR. TRUJILLO:

Mr. Schrier, I think what I'd like to hear a little bit about is the financing and the proposed transaction. I have some understanding of at least the documents that I have in front of me, but I think it would be helpful if --- and I think you're probably the best person to give us the description of 24 the transaction as proposed. And maybe I can shorten this by saying my understanding is that Penn National

is the proposed operator of the casino. And what I wasn't sure of is who is the proposed operator of the And then if you would take me out three to five years, is there some sort of an exit strategy that the Board should be aware of?

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Okay. Thank you. Just to give you a brief rundown on the arrangements that are made, there was a the project agreement, and that project agreement identifies the relationship between Mason-Dixon Resorts, L.P., which is the applicant here today, and Penn National Gaming and its entities that are involved in that process.

As part of that relationship in searching for someone to operate and develop this gaming resort, they looked at various different companies and ultimately were entered into this agreement, this agreement called the project agreement, which incorporates a couple of different factors. The relationship that will exist is a relationship whereby 21 Penn National has a management services agreement, and that management services agreement is comprehensive. It's designed along with the applicant and Mr. LeVan to manage basically, soup to nuts, the entire operation; the gaming facility itself, the resort

itself, the hotel rooms, the food and beverage outlets 1 and so forth, at least at this stage are all under the management agreement. So, there's an integration between the casino and the casino patron, and the hotel patron, and the hotel amenities.

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In addition to that, there is a development agreement that exists between the parties. So, the applicant and Penn National have agreed upon the development agreement and, you know, appointing Penn National to be the operator on behalf of Mason-Dixon. The development agreement requires that Penn National develop this site.

And as we said, we're not developing in the sense of using additional green space, but redeveloping, refurbishing, adding all kinds of new aspects to the existing facilities, both at the hotel and at the Allstar Complex, to incorporate the resort facility and integrate it as a casino and improved hotel resort facility, which will then again be managed by Penn National.

The third component involves the funding, which I heard Mr. Snyder talk about. And in that case, the agreement between the parties requires that Penn National fund the project development that they will be responsible for handling. So, that's

essentially the relationship.

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2 The second part of your question was, you 3 know, is there some exit strategy? I wouldn't say that there's an exit strategy that's been identified. The Licensee in this case, should you grant this license, is Mason-Dixon Resorts. And when this license is issued, and when this facility is developed and when it's opened, Mason-Dixon Resorts will be primarily owned by Mr. David LeVan. Mr. David LeVan 10 will have his relationships through the contracts that I've just mentioned with Penn National Gaming, who 11 12 will be the operator.

within those documents there are opportunities for the parties to, assuming the law permits, and assuming this Board approves --- as you know, every agreement that we all handle with regard to anything that comes before you has to be approved. But there are opportunities for the relationship to change over time if the parties don't --- if they don't feel that the management is doing what it's supposed to do, if there are suitability issues, those kinds of things, there are ways for the parties to end their relationship. And there are terms in those agreements, at this time, of course, subject to your approval that talk about how that relationship would

155 end and what kinds of financial terms would exist upon that termination. 3 MR. TRUJILLO: And I'm sorry. With respect to the 4 hotel, how is that going to be operated? 6 ATTORNEY SCHRIER: The hotel is going to be --- maybe I'll let Mr. Snyder answer that in terms of how they anticipate operating it. 10 MR. TRUJILLO: 11 Well, all I need to know is who's going 12 to be the operator? 13 MR. SNYDER: 14 Penn National will be the operator of the 15 entire facility. 16 MR. TRUJILLO: 17 Okay. Including the hotel? 18 MR. SNYDER: 19 Yes. 20 MR. TRUJILLO: And so I take it then that it's 21 Okay. the Eisenhower Hotel becomes --- the concept is to 22 23 re-brand the Eisenhower ---. I mean, that's the 24 fundamental concept? Is that what I'm hearing? 25 ATTORNEY SCHRIER:

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## MR. TRUJILLO:

Okay. Now, in terms of the ownership or the common ownership requirement, can you describe to me how Mason-Dixon would meet the ownership requirement?

# ATTORNEY SCHRIER:

In terms of your question, I think what you're asking is, given the arrangements that exist between how the Mason-Dixon Resort, L.P. holds title, so to speak, or owns this facility as it exists, this agreement is modeled after what was approved by this Board in the Valley Forge agreement, which is an understanding between the seller and the buyer that there are no contingencies and that equitable ownership exists by way of the agreement between Mason-Dixon Resorts and the current owners of the Eisenhower Complex and Resort.

That agreement has terms within it that have no preconditions to closing. There are terms in terms of extension of time until the closing has to occur. There are payments that have to be made if closing does not occur. But effectively the sellers 24 have acknowledged that the Mason-Dixon Resorts, L.P. is the equitable owner of this property, and that

there are no preconditions to close it.

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And what I understand is --- in terms that I understand, if tomorrow I were to want to buy house, I make an offer to buy it, but it is not contingent on me getting a mortgage, I still have to buy it. Is that the approach that's been taken here, a non-contingent agreement to buy --- or in this case I guess a non-contingent agreement to sell?

# ATTORNEY SCHRIER:

Yes. I'd say the latter, yes.

# MR. TRUJILLO:

The title has not yet passed is ---.

### ATTORNEY SCHRIER:

The formal title has not yet passed.

16 That's correct.

# MR. TRUJILLO:

A non-contingent agreement --- I

understand. Okay. As Commissioner Sojka anticipated,

all of us do have questions or at least we were

struggling with this issue of the role of a Category

And I think Mr. Lashinger spoke about the

economics. And so one of the economic issues is that

under 1305.1, I don't think that any applicant or any

licensee has the right to establish a seasonal or a

year-round membership, but rather the Board may allow such a membership to take place. So, what I'd like to know is if the Board did not approve such a membership, what happens to the viability of this project?

# ATTORNEY HAYES:

introduced myself earlier. I'm Attorney Kevin Hayes. I should have prefaced that. We clearly understand that the membership element of the Category 3 eligibility which was enacted as part of Senate Bill 711, is completely upon the approval of the Board, as is our entire plan.

So, again, we are operating under the assumption that this can be a viable resort before we had that --- before we had the membership there. This could be a financially viable resort with the patrons of the amenities requirement. Otherwise all these gentlemen wouldn't be here. That requirement was known before that membership interest was put in in January of this year.

So, I think the answer to this question is if we don't have the membership components to draw upon additional patrons, we still think that we can be a financially viable resort.

# MR. TRUJILLO:

Do you have any pro formas that would evidence that fact?

### ATTORNEY HAYES:

Well, I think by virtue of the fact that that was not available to us when this group initially --- Joe Lashinger and David LeVan, at the time when they initially sought out the Eisenhower as a potential Category 3 License, that membership component was not on the table. So, I don't know. I can't say specifically as to whether --- I can tell you that I've never seen pro formas that say with and without the membership being in place. But I can tell you that they believe this is a financially viable resort without it.

## MR. TRUJILLO:

It looks like --- I think you have something you want to say, Mr. Lashinger.

#### MR. LASHINGER:

Yes. We would have made application under the \$25 de minimis consideration outline, we could not --- that recently changed with the seasonal report. So, Dave LeVan, after coming off of 2006 and crossroads, I had a non-compete in Chester as I was wanted down in Chester. We actually would have been

prepared under the previous terms to make application to this Board. We could not get control of the property. The property was actually tied up another agreement, and David and I had to wait until that agreement expired to get control of the Eisenhower. So, we would have been here one way or the other.

Again, back to the seminal question about the Category 3 in the near-end market. The near-end market, whether it's seasonal passes or de minimis consideration on a daily basis, is very critical to the viability of these projects. That same customer who would buy the seasonal pass would be --- have the penchant to also, if it was unavailable, to buy the more periodic pass, and to bring other guests with him. So, I don't believe --- I believe that that same gamer, that near-end market gamer would have the same propensity to play and it wouldn't vary the analysis.

The other thing about the Eisenhower, somehow this has managed to be framed as some frumpy retired property. This is the largest convention center in south central Pennsylvania. It's it.

There's no place to go in south central Pennsylvania.

They host a number of large convention activities by regional market scale. And no, it's not in Philadelphia, and no, there's not 36 holes of golf,

but it is a significant regional convention facility.

And it's the only game in the region. There is no
other. So, it is not, as one legislator tried to
avoid when he was deciding the language for the CAT-3,
a tent town or tenant facility that was trying to
disguise itself as a Category 3 Permittee.

#### MR. TRUJILLO:

Thank you, Mr. Lashinger. As I saw the numbers, and I did quick math as well, the seven to one --- I guess the ratio I saw in terms of --- I believe I saw two different sets of analyses, one of them that indicated roughly a seven to one local versus visitor player number. And I guess what I have here is you had typically --- the vast majority of your revenue projections are coming from local players, not from visitors that are staying at the Eisenhower. I think that's accurate, am I not right?

### MR. LASHINGER:

I don't know if seven to one is accurate, but at the outset, it will be regional play. It will be guests there using the amenities and it will evolve, as I believe Mr. Tyson said, where the hotel occupancy will bump up as a result of the addition of gaming to well above the 50 percent, which, by the way, we throw around these percentages. If you look

at the Valley Forge market, and Peter actually manages 2 --- surveys that product in that market, occupancy in the Valley Forge market is somewhere --- 50 percent 3 would be a victory at most of the hotels in the Valley Forge market today.

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Well, I think as an overall market in the recession they're running in the 60s. But the Valley Forge Complex traditionally has been in the high 60s, low 70s. So, the addition of the casino there is not gong to be nearly as much of a positive influence on its P&L as we're showing it will be on the Eisenhower/Mason-Dixon, taking it up 40 points and adding average rate.

### MR. TRUJILLO:

Your point is it's going I understand. to have --- the addition of gaming here will have a greater impact than it would at Valley Forge or a more populated area?

## MR. TYSON:

Right, because Valley Forge is operating at a more competitive level now. It's a newer product in a very robust market. And here --- you know, in addition to the gaming revenues, you know, the customers are also going to generate food and beverage revenue, room revenue, the non-gaming revenue numbers for the resort are expected to increase dramatically.

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Okay. I just have a couple more 4 questions. Number one --- and I think probably, Mr. Schrier, this can go to you as well because I think I know the answer to this, but there was earlier testimony that the balance sheet of Penn National had certainly enough cash to be able to provide 100 10 percent of the cost. My assumption is that's not going to happen. I just want to clarify that. Even 11 12 though they may have 100 percent cash, I assume that 13 there is going to be some financing that takes place, 14 not that it's going to be paid for all out of cash; am 15 I correct?

# ATTORNEY SCHRIER:

Well, I'll let Steve answer that.

### MR. SNYDER:

Yeah. Commissioner, the available equity in the form of cash draws on our existing credit facilities, the point being those resources that are already in place.

# MR. TRUJILLO:

Yeah. You have it available. It's not that you're going to use it is my only --- I just want

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#### MR. SNYDER:

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MR. TRUJILLO:

Out of existing funds?

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and we have committed the loan agreement for this

project to provide those funds for the completion of

MR. SNYDER:

Yes.

MR. TRUJILLO:

Okay. In terms of community impact, I think, Mr. LeVan, this probably goes to you. know this is different than Philadelphia, but in

Philadelphia, for example, and I think in some of the other properties in other parts of the state, there's

been very active participation by affected community

residents. Can you describe going forward what you would intend to do to mitigate any potential impact on

surrounding communities?

MR. LEVAN:

Well, the largest potential impact is the Devonshire Complex, which is actually on the property. It is a condominium. The majority of those units are owned currently by the owner of the facility, and they

would be purchased as part of the purchase agreement.

And the impact to that particular community, we have

every reason to believe would be a positive one. We

think the quality of life and the quality of those

bevonshire units will be enhanced by what we do to the

So, that's the one that would be most immediately impacted. And we think it is a net positive. And I've had personal conversations with a number of residents who live in the complex, and I think they are hopeful that that would be the case.

# MR. TRUJILLO:

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And have you made any specific agreements with any either community groups or non-profits or foundations to provide dedicated funding for any affected communities?

### MR. LEVAN:

We have made two commitments; one to the Adams County by way of a Memorandum of Understanding with the Adams County Commissioners. And in that agreement we have agreed that to the extent that their portion of the local shared tax would not rise to the level of a million dollars on an annual basis, that we would make up the difference. Based on our numbers, we have every reason to believe that that number will

be north of a million and that would not become an issue. But we assured them that they would --- upon an annual basis of at least a million dollars. As part of that agreement we also made an agreement to provide funding to the firefighters and the medical services organization, consolidated, in the county. And I believe that was a total of \$50,000. The agreement is in the file, but in that Memorandum of Understanding we did make a commitment to that organization.

The second was a similar Memorandum of Understanding that we have agreed to with Cumberland Township, it basically has the same provision as it relates to the local shared tax. That we would make up any difference between the actual tax and a million dollars, so that they would become the beneficiary of a million dollars on an annual basis. And in that agreement we also made some commitments to residents of Cumberland Township for tuition contributions.

Again, I don't know the --- ten for ten years I've been reminded. \$1,000 for ten years for Cumberland Township residents for tuition programs.

# MR. TRUJILLO:

Thank you very much. That's all I have,

25 Mr. Chairman.

# CHAIRMAN:

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I seem to remember during our public input hearing that there were issues with water and sewage on this facility. And I think I heard you, Mr. LeVan, speak briefly to that earlier. But tell us what's there now and what this new development will bring and what you're doing to alleviate water and sewer issues.

### MR. LEVAN:

Okay. There have been a number of reports that have been also provided for the record. And so I will speak to them as accurately as I can, and when I can't be 100 percent accurate, obviously I will let you know. We had the water system that exists today in the facility tested both for its quality and for its quantity.

The quality of the water was what I would categorize as good. It obviously passed all the necessary tests of the Pennsylvania DEP. On the other hand, quantity, there are a numbers of wells that support that system, and the quantity of water from those wells, based on testing from our hydrogeologist, suggested that that supply of water would be inadequate for this facility.

What we got done is we have an option

agreement on a partial proximate to the facility of about 20 acres. It had an existing well on it. We drilled a second well, all under the supervision of Pennsylvania DEP. Those wells have both been tested, and as I testified today as a result of those tests that water has very good quality, and there is sufficient quantity.

The next step as it relates to the water of course would have to be we would know have to design a collection treatment and a distribution system to get that water to the site, and we're very confident that we will be able to do that. So, that's the water situation.

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What about sewage?

## MR. LEVAN:

There's currently a sewage treatment plant onsite. It is permanent. I believe it is ---.

#### CHAIRMAN:

Can you bring up the chart? It looks something like this, the map of the site. I have some other questions on that, so just bear with us here. That's Eisenhower, 101 rooms and Eisenhower One, 203 rooms. Yeah. That's it. Okay. Go ahead, Mr. LeVan.

### MR. LEVAN:

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Can you show us where the --- on there where the sewage treatment plant is?

#### MR. LEVAN:

6 Unfortunately, it's not on that map. need --- go back to the previous slide. Okay. You see Route 15. You see a road that comes in front of the --- this is the Allstar Complex here. 10 road comes here, that is the sewer treatment plant 11 right there. That sewer treatment plant currently has 12 --- is permitted. I think it was due for a renewal 13 and will be renewed, and it has a sufficient capacity 14 to handle the addition of the casino to this project. 15 There was plenty of capacity in that sewer treatment 16 plant to handle that.

Longer term, however, in our conversations with Cumberland Township, they have had a plan for quite some time to add a municipal sewer treatment plant in this neighborhood. And they have been looking for the ability to build that sewer treatment plant by having enough interested parties to provide the necessary baseline capacity to make that plant worth building.

We believe, and we've had conversation

but no agreement with them, that should we be successful, that we would be very interested in helping with that sewer treatment plant. And we would use our distant sewer plant basically as a pumping station just to collect sewage and pump it into the new sewer treatment plant.

#### CHAIRMAN:

So, just so I'm clear, and I'm not an expert on this, but the DEP has certified, however they do that, that with your increased capacity both for increased room occupancy and a new facility for the casino, that there is enough capacity in that sewage treatment plant to handle those additional facilities?

# MR. LEVAN:

That work was done by an engineer.

Whether that was actually singed off by DEP --- if it requires a sign off, then we certainly would have it.

I'm not sure that that did require a sign off by DEP.

But our engineer looked at the projected utilization against the rated capacity of that plant and gave us assurances that there was plenty of capacity in that sewer treatment plant. Whether it was specifically required to have an approval by DEP for that, I do not know.

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Okay. Fair enough. And I would just like to ask our staff to follow up on that question for me and make sure that DEP is comfortable with that expanded use of that sewage treatment plant.

Second question, I get that Penn National is basically the financier of this project. My question deals with --- I think I heard earlier that there were going to be renovations to the hotel in addition to the build out and basically the building of this casino facility. What is the total price of the project and what is the breakdown between the hotel renovation versus the casino build out?

And then thirdly, how much is being spent on the grounds themselves?

#### MR. LEVAN:

Well, the total amount is \$75 million. And that would include the acquisition of the facility itself. That would include the acquisition of the separate site, the 20 acres from which we would then pump and treat water in the facility. It includes the --- of course, all the work required to do the exterior design that is included in Ewing Cole's report in terms of all of the infrastructure, the changing of the roads, the improvement of all that.

Of course it obviously includes the conversion of the Allstar Center into the casino, and all the necessary renovations for that.

They are the most significant. Eisenhower Two is relatively new construction. And so there would very little immediate renovation that would be done to Eisenhower Two. There would be some amount of renovation in the rooms that are in Eisenhower One, including a new porte cochere entranceway to make that facility more inviting and more evident where the entranceway --- the main entranceway to the hotel would be. All those are included in the \$75 million.

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And again, we'll follow up with that. I am interested in the breakdown between hotel renovations, the outside amenities, if you will, the grounds, and then finally the casino itself, a breakdown between those three numbers of the \$75 million.

# MR. LEVAN:

Yeah. Those were actually done --- Penn 23 National property people, as Mr. Snyder testified to, they've been actively involved with us in the planning so far in all the sewer/water and all planning issues.

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They have been involved in that and they have done the calculations for that, too.

Thank you. And can you go back

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to the map of the facility? I think it was actually the chart after the one that you just had up there.

Yeah. Again, just so I get it, who has the red clicker? The line conference center up there to the left, the road to the left of that is Emmitsburg Road; correct?

# MR. LEVAN:

Yes. That is the Emmitsburg Road right there.

#### CHAIRMAN:

Okay. And go down to the right directly below the Conference Center. What is that facility?

### MR. LEVAN:

That's the tennis courts right there.

#### CHAIRMAN:

20 Right. I got that. Below that, I'm 21 sorry, what is ---?

#### MR. LEVAN:

This facility right here is a brown field site. It's approximately --- it's a former foundry, currently abandoned. The size of that parcel, I

believe, is approximately 50 acres. It is property
that the sheriff has foreclosed on. There was a
sheriff sale in September on that property with no
bidders. It certainly would be a parcel that we would
have future interest in. I've had this conversation
with the folks from Penn National about the potential
interest in acquiring that property should we be
successful in this application.

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Okay. And to the right?

# MR. LEVAN:

It has been cleaned up. There are DEP liens in addition to the tax liens, and we had --- an environmental firm went into DEP and reviewed all the files relative to this property. It has been cleaned to a standard that would allow for retail and office and industrial usage, but not residential. So, it's been cleaned to a level sufficient for that kind of development.

### CHAIRMAN:

Okay. And directly to the right of that brown field is the go-cart facility. I get that.

Where do you anticipate putting parking then around the Allstar facility? What's your proposed parking situation?

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# 1 MR. LEVAN: 2 There's actually a plan in Don 3 Dissinger's materials. But before we get --- I'll wait until we get there. BRIEF INTERRUPTION 6 MS. BAILEY: 7 Do you want me to pull it up? 8 MR. LEVAN: 9 Sure, please. 10 MS. BAILEY: 11 Is that the one? 12 MR. LEVAN: That's the one. This is where the 13 14 go-carts are today. This would become the main porte 15 cochere entrance, valet parking, and that would be a valet parking area there. And then on the opposite 16 side would be the self park and the bus parking, in 17 18 that area right there. 19 CHAIRMAN: 20 Okay. And if I could ---. 21 MR. LEVAN: 22 Putting it in reference, here is your 23 brown field site that you were looking at. This is 24 the brown field site right here.

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Right. Let's go back to the map that we had earlier. I have one last question on that about the Devonshire. Again, just for those in the audience, the Devonshire is right in there.

### MR. LEVAN:

The Devonshire is this parcel right here. When the facility was originally built, as I understand it, this was retail space, and was subsequently converted from retail space to condominiums. There are approximately 70 residential units in that complex. And in excess of 50 of those are owned currently by the current owners and would transfer ownership to Mason-Dixon upon the exercise of our option.

### CHAIRMAN:

So, they have already committed to sell to you. Is that what I heard you say?

### MR. LEVAN:

Yes. They have committed as part of the transaction to sell to us all of the units that they presently own. And of course, because of the size of their ownership of the units they do control the condominium association, as you would expect.

# MR. ANGELI:

Is that within the \$75 million?

# MR. LEVAN:

That's included in --- the ownership of the ones that are currently owned by the current property owner, Timeless Towns, who would transfer to us, and it is in the \$75 million, yes.

# CHAIRMAN:

And then what happens to that facility? So, again, there's 70 units. You said 50 of them are owned by the condo association and 20 are owned individually?

### MR. LEVAN:

Yes. That's correct.

# CHAIRMAN:

Okay. And so what happens to that facility? Do you then negotiate with the other 20, divide them out, tear the place down and do something else? Or are they going to continue to live there?

### MR. LEVAN:

Certainly in the near term there are no plans to do anything with the Devonshire except improve the quality of the overall resort, and therefore, we believe improve the quality of life of people who currently reside at the Devonshire. There are no future development plans for that parcel. Is it the highest and best use of that should this

project be successful and this casino be as successful as some of us believe it could be? Would that be the highest and best use for that acreage? That would be a question for the future, but I think it would raise a question about whether it is the highest and best use. But that would be pretty far down the road.

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Okay. And my last question has to do 8 with the gaming floor itself. There was a chart a little further back in your presentation. 10 It looks like this one. Over on the left-hand side in the 11 light brown area, I think the second block down, it 12 13 says PBGC. I would just like to state on the record that we would like direct access to the gaming floor 14 15 if this casino is approved, gets built. Right now, we have to --- it looks like we abut the count (phonetic) 16 room, which then abuts the casino floor. But we've 17 been pretty adamant about that with our casino 18 19 facilities, that we want direct access both for our 20 folks and more importantly for the patrons who have issues with what's going on on the gaming floor. 21 22 want to have direct access to our facilities.

### MR. LEVAN:

I would be very happy to have the opportunity to make that modification.

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I thought you might. Okay. Any other questions?

# MR. TRUJILLO:

One last question.

# CHAIRMAN:

Yes, Commissioner Trujillo?

#### MR. TRUJILLO:

My recollection of Mason-Dixon probably could have been actually called the Dan Calvert Line (phonetic) as opposed to Mason-Dixon, if we'd gone further back in history. And I didn't know --- I thought I might hear during the presentation why Mason-Dixon? And I understand you're close to Maryland. And I understand that the line is nearby, but I'm also I guess mindful that for some folks, you know, the division between north and south may not be the greatest thing to highlight, especially these days. And so I would really like to hear a little about that because I ---.

#### MR. LEVAN:

The selection of the name you got absolutely correct. It had everything to do with its proximity to the Maryland/Pennsylvania border. 25 | Mason-Dixon Line, of course, existed long before the

It became a defining, obviously, 1 Civil War. 2 terminology during the course of that conflict. We've had no --- I mean, I've had plenty of opposition 3 over historical issues, but none over the selection of the name Mason-Dixon. 6 MR. TRUJILLO: 7 Okay. Thank you. 8 CHAIRMAN: 9 Commissioner Sojka. 10 MR. SOJKA: 11 My sincere apologies to everyone. don't want to prolong this, but two quick wrap-up 12 13 questions. Follow up to Commissioner Trujillo's 14 question again about ownership. You do intend to 15 serve liquor in the casino. You have a liquor license --- or there is a liquor license now for the hotel. 16 17 When this all comes together, who is going to hold the 18 liquor license? Is that going to be Penn National? 19 MR. SNYDER: 20 It would be --- yes, Commissioner Sojka. 21 MR. SOJKA: 22 So, you would have to purchase it from 23 the existing? 24 MR. SNYDER: 25 I expect that it would be part of the

181 acquisition, that we would ---. 1 2 MR. SOJKA: 3 Part of the acquisition. 4 MR. SNYDER: 5 And they would assign it to us ---6 MR. SOJKA: Okay. 8 MR. SNYDER: 9 --- as the operator of the facility. 10 MR. SOJKA: 11 And does that license cover the Allstar facility now? 12 13 MR. SNYDER: 14 I don't believe. 15 MR. SOJKA: 16 Would you ---? 17 MR. LEVAN: 18 I think it might because on occasion when they have expos in that facility they do sell alcohol 19 20 in that facility on occasion. I believe it covers the 21 whole facility but ---. 22 MR. SOJKA: 23 Okay. I just wanted to make sure who was 24 going to be the licensee. And then the final thing 25 has to do with Mr. Fine's matrix of comparison.

just want to make sure I understood something when I
go back and look at that again. And that is --- I
believe, Mr. Fine, you actually deemed several of the
potentially competitive applicants here for the reason
that they seem to have discrepancy between their
operator's projection and --- for revenue, and their
consultant's projection.

And unless I'm misunderstanding, I think there's a fairly significant discrepancy between what we heard Mr. Tyson say and what we heard the Penn National folks say about projected revenue. Is that not true?

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It's fair to say one of the other three we, to use your terminology, dinged because of discrepancies. In this one, no. I mean, what I heard today and what I saw when I reviewed is Penn said that the potential if everyone gambled was something like \$300 million.

# MR. SOJKA:

So we heard 85 ---?

#### MR. FINE:

And they signed off on the \$83 million.

24 They agreed with the \$83 million.

# MR. SOJKA:

183 1 Well, that sounds like a discrepancy to 2 Maybe I'm ---? me. 3 MR. FINE: No. I think what they said is the market 4 size --- if everyone participated in the market, was \$300 million. MR. SOJKA: Could it have been exactly the same kind 8 of situation in the other one that you dinged? 10 MR. FINE: 11 No. 12 MR. SOJKA: 13 It's really different? No? 14 MR. FINE: 15 His is a projection. It's the Yes. difference --- Peter projected how much Coke sells and 16 Penn National projected what total soda sales could 17 be. And they said that Peter's projection of Coke was 18 reasonable. So, they were two very different 19 20 analyses. And in what we reviewed when we were given 21 the information, the numbers that they agreed on for 22 revenue were consistent between the two. 23 MR. SOJKA: And that was not the difference with the 24 25 other one that got a lower grade?

## MR. FINE:

No. No. The operator I believe, said I don't know the --- Isle of Capri said we believe the property is going to do \$55 million in revenue. And then I believe that the operator's projection was like \$68 or something like that. It's in what we submitted. They were both statements of expected facility revenue.

#### MR. SOJKA:

Okay. That will help me. Thank you.

#### CHAIRMAN:

Thank you very much. We'll get you back on; we're going to hear from the Enforcement Counsel right now.

15 BRIEF INTERRUPTION

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16 OFF RECORD DISCUSSION

#### CHAIRMAN:

Counselor, if you would like to begin again, any non-lawyers that will be offering testimony should stand to be sworn in. If everybody's a lawyer, there's no need to do that. And please introduce yourselves before you speak.

#### ATTORNEY MATELEVICH-HOANG:

Thank you, Chairman Fajt. My name is

Billie Jo Matelevich-Hoang, that's B-I-L-L-I-E, J-O,

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- 1 M-A-T-E-L-E-V-I-C-H hyphen H-O-A-N-G, on behalf of the
- 2 OEC.
- This afternoon we do have testimony from
- 4 one individual and then staff statements. And first
- 5 up we do have Albert Federico to provide testimony.
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- 7 ALBERT FEDERICO, HAVING FIRST BEEN DULY SWORN,
- 8 TESTIFIED AS FOLLOWS:
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- 10 DIRECT EXAMINATION
- 11 BY ATTORNEY MATELEVICH-HOANG:
- 12 Q. Mr. Federico, could you please state and spell
- 13 your name for the record?
- 14 A. Albert Federico, F-E-D-E-R-I-C-O.
- 15 Q. And where do you currently work?
- 16 A. I am a senior project manager with McCormick
- 17 Taylor Engineers and Planners.
- 18 Q. And Mr. Federico, did you or your office review
- 19 the traffic impact study pertaining to and prepared by
- 20 Mason-Dixon Resort, L.P.?
- 21 A. Yes.
- 22 Q. And could you please describe your findings for
- 23 the Board?
- 24 A. We reviewed the traffic study for conformance with
- 25 current applicable standards and guidelines and

1 validated the data and analyses that were submitted.

2 As part of this review we also did speak with

3 representatives of local PennDOT districts about their 4 awareness of the project.

The specific review document that we reviewed was a report prepared by TRG, last revised in June of 2010. We generated two reviews. There was an initial preliminary review completed at the end of September and a more detailed review in early October. These were provided to the applicant and we received a response letter addressing our comments from TRG in late October. We have reviewed those responses, but have not prepared any additional review documents of our own.

The traffic study that was reviewed evaluated a total of four intersections. And this included the site access, the Route 15 interchange with Emmitsburg Road and the intersection with Barrow (phonetic) Road to the north.

They looked at the traffic during the weekday evening peak, the Friday evening peak and the Saturday midday peak. They estimated how much traffic was going to be generated by the proposed development utilizing studies prepared and submitted to the Institute of

Transportation Engineers.

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I would note that the traffic study did not include any specific generation from the table games. I would characterize their methodology as extremely conservative in that they estimated, I think, a fair amount of traffic to provide would --- and traffic engineering be considered a worst-case scenario for the impacts of this project.

The peak that they estimated was 470 trips for the Saturday midday, this would be vehicles entering and exiting the site during the highest one-hour period. This is generally consistent with what we've seen in our review of the other Category 3 facilities, for the most part, consistent with methodology that was used by other traffic engineers.

The results of their analysis indicate that they would have what would be considered a marginal impact at their site driveway and at the Route 15 ramps. In order to mitigate this impact they are proposing improvements at these locations. At their site driveway, they're proposing to build a northbound right-turn lane, a southbound left-turn lane and to install a traffic signal.

At the Route 15 ramps, there is currently another development nearby that is committed to install a

traffic signal at this interchange. And the response letter we received from the applicant indicated that they are willing to contribute monies to this improvement. But there was no defined cost of what their contribution would be to that.

In conclusion, the traffic study was completed in a manner generally consistent with accepted standards. We did have the one concern regarding the lack of table games and their trip generation, but overall we believe they provided a conservative evaluation.

I would also add that in their coordination with PennDOT there was some concerns about one interchange outside of their study area. And in the documents provided to us, the applicant has indicated that they will do a follow-up traffic study if the development occurs, and if there is traffic using this other interchange they will work with PennDOT to explore other improvements. Thank you.

- 19 Q. Mr. Federico, were they the only issues that you 20 saw in reviewing this report?
- 21 A. Those were the significant issues, yes.

#### ATTORNEY MATELEVICH-HOANG:

Thank you. The OEC does not have any further questions for Mr. Federico. But we do ask that this presentation be made part of the record for

today.

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## CHAIRMAN:

3 Any Board questions for Mr. Thank you.

Federico? Thank you very much.

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## ATTORNEY MATELEVICH-HOANG:

Additionally, we would like to say that we do not have any questions right now for Mason-Dixon Resorts. We believe that they have been all asked that we have made notes to. And at this point in time, we only have staff statements to present to you.

CHAIRMAN:

Thank you. You can go ahead and begin those.

# ATTORNEY MATELEVICH-HOANG:

First up we would like to present Susan Hensel, the Director of the Bureau of Licensing. will be making a statement.

# MS. HENSEL:

At this point in time, based on the 21 materials and information in the application, and the cooperation received from the applicant, the Bureau of Licensing is not aware of any suitability issues that would preclude licensure of Mason-Dixon Resorts, L.P., as a Category 3 Slot Machine Operator.

## ATTORNEY MATELEVICH-HOANG:

Thank you.

OFF RECORD DISCUSSION

## MS. HENSEL:

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## ATTORNEY MATELEVICH-HOANG:

Next we have Rich O'Neil, supervisor of the Financial Investigation Unit.

# MR. O'NEIL:

Commissioner Fajt and Members of the Board, in preparing the FIU report, the applications of the applicant and its intermediaries, subsidiaries, holding companies and management companies were fully reviewed. This included any organizational documents, operating debt and management agreements, financial statements, and any other contracts or agreements of the various entities.

In this case, Mason-Dixon Resort, L.P. and its related entities provided all the authorizations, contracts and agreements necessary to conduct the investigation. It also provided clear and convincing evidence to make the determination of its financial suitability, integrity and responsibility, and the ability of the applicant to maintain operational viability and maintain a steady level of

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At this time, based on the information 3 contained in the applications and other related documents, and this financial suitability analysis performed, the Financial Investigations Unit did not find anything material, which would preclude Mason-Dixon Resort, L.P. from maintaining a Category 3 License.

# CHAIRMAN:

Thank you. Rich, could you please spell your name for the stenographer?

## Mr. O'NEIL:

O'Neil, O-N-E-I-L.

#### CHAIRMAN:

Any questions from the Board Thank you. for either Susan or Rich?

#### ATTORNEY MATELEVICH-HOANG:

Thank you. And finally, I will be making a statement on behalf of the OEC. The OEC has reviewed all documents submitted by the applicant, including information pertaining to its management company, principals, and affiliates, in addition to 23 the letter of certification pertaining to the million dollar bond requirement satisfying Section 1316 of the Act.

Finally, all information presented today is consistent with information reviewed by both the OEC and the BIE. As such, the OEC, on behalf of the BIE, finds that there are no reasons to preclude suitability in this matter.

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Thank you. I believe that concludes OEC's presentation?

#### ATTORNEY MATELEVICH-HOANG:

That is correct.

#### CHAIRMAN:

Thank you. Why don't we bring up Mason-Dixon for a final statement?

#### ATTORNEY SCHRIER:

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I think I'll take that one on. I always enjoy following traffic and financial objections, but obviously, very important aspects. As this Board is well aware, the Act provides for numerous legal requirements that have to be satisfied before any applicant who will come 21 before you can be qualified. And I think from the 22 findings that we've heard about today and from the 23 Board's own staff, which you just heard from, I think 24 it's evident that Mason-Dixon Resort has successfully 25 met its burden of proof in all respects by the clear

and convincing evidence standard that would apply.

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And I appreciate the Board's patience I think you noted hopefully from our presentation that there's quite a bit of zeal that attaches to this project and to the principals of this project, and the participants that have worked so hard to get us here today.

And again, I want to thank you for your time and patience in that regard and also that of your staff who have been tremendous in terms of assisting us.

A couple of closing thoughts I just wanted to raise with you. Having gone first here, we do have an opportunity, I guess, to speak in certain ways that maybe others that follow us will have to think about. But in comparison to the other applicants, I would submit that Mason-Dixon Resort has proven, I think, that it will be financially successful and grow revenue in the Commonwealth without cannibalizing existing casino or racing facilities.

And I think you heard three different sets, so to speak, of experts talking about financial 24 projections today. You heard from our expert, Mr. Tyson, who's well recognized in the field and has been

1 before this Board on many occasions in the past. You also heard from Penn National Gaming, who I think you have some familiarity with, and their well-known track 3 record for accuracy in their projections, and then Randall Fine, a well recognized industry expert who has years of operational experience.

I think it's notable that they all came out in the same place, and hopefully, Commissioner Sojka's question was answered, that they are sort of talking about the same, apples to apples. It all came out the same way, similar projections, similar market area, similar numbers. But they all looked at it a little differently. And they all may have used some different criteria to get there, but I submit that this supports the credibility of the financial revenues and the growth of revenues that are anticipated and as required by Section 1313 of the Act, and the Board's own regulations.

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I think anybody could come before you and make a nice presentation, but I think Mason-Dixon 21 Resort and Penn Gaming are the ones that can get it done, and get it done fast. I also think we shouldn't forget the fact that the law that was enacted by the assembly is prominently called the Racehorse Development and Gaming Act. Clearly the impact on the

racing interests, having a new facility near Penn
National Racecourse or having a new facility near
Pocono Downs, or near the Meadows, is intuitively a
negative one. That does not apply to the Mason-Dixon
location.

And again, although we're presenting first and we'll have an opportunity --- but we won't have an opportunity, excuse me, to directly respond to the other presenters who will have criticisms and comparisons. Mason-Dixon is the only applicant who has not had an intervention or a notice to contest that was filed against it by any existing casino operator. So, consequently, no licensee maintains any legal rights to contest an award of the Category 3 License to the Mason-Dixon.

Regarding concerns about closeness to this historic battlefield, I'd like to read from the Board's Valley Forge adjudication on May 8th, 2009, which is Finding of Fact, paragraph two, on page six.

And I quote. Valley Forge's proposed

Category 3 facility is located in King of Prussia,

Pennsylvania, approximately 1.6 miles from the King of

Prussia Mall. And here is where I would emphasize,

and adjacent to Valley Forge National Park, end quote.

I think those of you that have seen the site, you look

out the front door and you can see Valley Forge

National Park. It's directly --- you know, a stone's

throw away.

Certainly this group has spent an enormous amount of time of trying to understand and talk to the Civil War Preservation Trust concerns.

Traffic and signage and those kinds of things have been addressed. What seems to remain from that opposition is a concern that a tastefully done resortstyle gaming facility will still somehow be disrespectful to the site.

I think you heard from Mayor Winfield about his view that the historic nature of his town in a similar way was enhanced, not harmed by the activities that were raised and all the economic activity brought in by gaming facilities. And I think that's an important fact. That's something that he's seen firsthand. I think the comparison in our video —— hopefully you'll have a chance to review that if you haven't already, compares Vicksburg to Gettysburg appropriately. And I think the key is that the evidence indicates that there will be enhancement to the tourism experience. And I think you've also heard clearly how important it is to David LeVan to make sure and ensure that there's a tasteful and respectful

resort that melds with the community and does not have any of the harms associated with it that we've been hearing about.

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And finally, I submit that this Board knows what kind of facilities these are, even at a much larger scale. And what benefits they can bring to the place where they're located in this Commonwealth. This Board has been very successful in assuring that facilities it approves are not only financially stable, but tasteful and respectful of their surroundings.

And I think having several million visitors to this area each year, on top of the 14 business and the projections that you've heard about that will be generated from the local and regional resort casinos residents, offers Pennsylvania an opportunity to display not only what kind of historic site Gettysburg is, but also to showcase how tasteful, fun and safe its resort gaming entertainment facilities can be. So, what the principals have planned here is a place where millions of tourists and visitors from around the world can come to learn about the significance of Gettysburg, but to leave saying that their visit in Mason-Dixon was a wonderful and enjoyable casino experience also. And it is, as Randy

Fine said it, a win-win for Pennsylvania. Thank you. 2 CHAIRMAN: 3 Thank you, Counselor. I believe that concludes the hearing. Mason-Dixon has until November 29th to file any post-hearing Memoranda of Law or a brief with the OHA. We $^\prime$ re going to take a 45-minute break before we come back for our second hearing of the day. May I have a motion to adjourn the meeting? 9 MR. TRUJILLO: 10 So moved. 11 CHAIRMAN: 12 Second? MR. GINTY: 13 14 Second. 15 CHAIRMAN: 16 Meeting adjourned. \* \* \* \* \* \* \* 17 18 HEARING CONCLUDED AT 3:29 P.M. 19 20 21 22 23 24 25

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I hereby certify that the foregoing proceedings, public input hearing held before the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board, was reported by me on 11/16/2010 and that I Sarah Wendorf read this transcript and that I attest that this transcript is a true and accurate record of the proceeding.

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