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Mr. Paul Resch Secretary Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board P./O. Box 69060 Harrisburg, PA 17106-9060

Dear Mr. Resch:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Gaming Control Board's proposed regulations concerning the treatment of unredeemed gaming vouchers.

The proposed regulation requires slot machine licensees to establish a system of internal controls that include <u>procedures</u> for the payment of unredeemed gaming vouchers; <u>procedures</u> for retention, tracking and payment of unredeemed gaming vouchers; and <u>procedures</u> for filing an unclaimed property report to Treasury. The internal controls are to be submitted to and approved by the Board. The preamble, however, indicates that slot machine licensees will be required to "[p]ay the value of unredeemed gaming vouchers to patrons that can be identified by the slot machine licensee; to track unredeemed gaming vouchers and forward the unredeemed gaming vouchers to the State Treasurer as required by Article XIII.I of the Code; and to file copies with the Board of any reports submitted to State Treasurer related to the unredeemed vouchers."

The regulation itself appears to require only procedures but does not require that the licensee actually follow or implement those procedures. Accordingly, it is suggested that the proposed regulation be amended to clarify that the licensee must also implement the procedures approved by the Board.

Sincerely,

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