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**IN RE: BIG TOP TRAVEL CENTER & CASINO, LLC
D/B/A BIG TOP TRAVEL CENTER & CASINO
NO. 3300512939**

ORDER

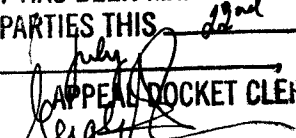
This matter was considered by the Louisiana Gaming Control Board at its meeting of July 20, 2004. The Hearing Officer's order dated June 8, 2004, based on the "Joint Motion for Entry of Stipulations and Approval of Proposed Settlement" in the matter of the "Notice of Recommendation of Administrative Action", between Big Top Travel Center & Casino, LLC d/b/a Big Top Travel Center & Casino, No. 3300512939, and the State of Louisiana, Department of Public Safety and Corrections, Office of State Police, which is attached hereto and incorporated herein, is **APPROVED.**

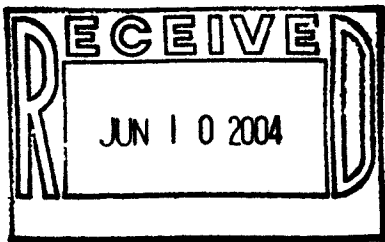
THUS DONE AND SIGNED on this the 20 day of July, 2004.

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BY:


H. CHARLES GAUDIN, CHAIRMAN

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CASE NO. 3300512939

JOINT MOTION FOR ENTRY OF STIPULATIONS AND
APPROVAL OF PROPOSED SETTLEMENT

ON THE JOINT MOTION OF:

1. the State of Louisiana, Department of Public Safety and Corrections, Office of State Police (hereinafter "Division"), and
2. Big Top Travel Center & Casino, LLC d/b/a Big Top Travel Center & Casino, License No. 3300512939 (hereinafter "licensee"),

who respectfully represent the following:

WHEREAS:

1. On October 31, 2003, an agent of the Division observed two billboard signs located on I-20 (west-bound at mileposts 153 and 171 in Madison Parish) which advertised the licensee's establishment;
2. Though both signs included the required toll-free problem gambling hotline number required by La. R.S. 27:27.3, the numbers were not large enough to be legible to passing vehicular traffic – in both cases, the Division's agent could only read the number by parking on the shoulder of I-20 and walking within 25 yards of each sign;
3. The licensee is mandated by La. R.S. 27:27.3 to place the toll-free telephone number of the National Council on Problem Gambling (or other similar, Board-approved toll-free telephone number) in any advertisement of its gaming activities or licensed establishment, and such number must be legible to its intended viewers;
4. Pursuant to its agent's observations, the Division issued Violation/Inspection Report #012669 to the licensee on or about January 12, 2004, citing violation of La. R.S. 27:27.3. Attendant to this Violation/Inspection Report, the Louisiana Gaming Control Board issued a Notice of Recommendation of Administrative Action to the licensee on March 25, 2004;

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5. This is the licensee's first violation of La. R.S. 27:27.3; and
6. This matter has been scheduled for hearing on June 8, 2004 at 9:00 a.m. before the Honorable William H. Brown,

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing stipulations, the Division and the licensee hereby propose the following settlement, that:

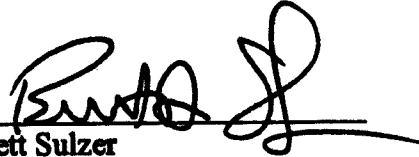
1. The licensee acknowledges that it was in violation of La. R.S. 27:27.3, in that the required problem gambling toll-free telephone numbers on the aforementioned billboards were not large enough to be legible to passing vehicular traffic;
2. In lieu of further administrative action against the licensee's video gaming license, the licensee shall pay a \$250.00 civil penalty;
3. The Division hereby agrees to accept the licensee's payment of the above stated penalty in full and final settlement of Violation/Inspection Report No. 012669 and this Notice of Recommendation of Administrative Action;
4. The Division reserves the right to take into consideration these violations in connection with any future violation;
5. The form and substance of this settlement are to be interpreted under the laws of the State of Louisiana;
6. This settlement constitutes the entire agreement between the Division and Big Top Travel Center & Casino, LLC d/b/a Big Top Travel Center & Casino pertaining to the subject matter contained herein, and supercedes all prior and contemporaneous agreements, representations, and understandings of the parties;
7. This settlement is subject to approval by the Hearing Officer of the Louisiana Gaming Control Board; it is expressly understood that if this proposed settlement is approved by the Hearing Officer, this agreement is not executory and will be submitted to the Board for its determination as to whether the matter should be heard by the Hearing Officer; if approved, however, payment of the above penalties must be submitted to the Division within fifteen (15) days of approval of this settlement by the Board; the failure to submit the civil penalty within fifteen (15) days of approval by the Board shall result in the video gaming license of the licensee being suspended and its gaming devices being disabled until the penalty is paid in full; and
8. The Division and the licensee waive their rights to appeal this settlement if the Order is signed by the Hearing Officer and accepted by the Board.

Respectfully submitted,

BIG TOP TRAVEL CENTER & CASINO, LLC
d/b/a BIG TOP TRAVEL CENTER & CASINO

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Considering the foregoing Joint Motion For Entry of Stipulations and Approval of Proposed Settlement, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that such proposed settlement be approved, to wit:

1. the licensee acknowledges that it was in violation of La. R.S. 27:27.3, in that the required problem gambling toll-free telephone numbers on the aforementioned billboards were not large enough to be legible to passing vehicular traffic;
2. the licensee shall pay a \$250.00 civil penalty;
3. payment of the above penalty shall be submitted to the state within fifteen (15) days of approval of this settlement by the Louisiana Gaming Control Board; and
4. the failure to submit the above penalty within fifteen (15) days of approval of this settlement by the Board shall result in the video gaming license of the licensee being suspended and its gaming devices being disabled until the penalty is paid in full.

THUS DONE AND SIGNED this 8th day of June, 2004 in
Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

LOUISIANA GAMING CONTROL BOARD
I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT A CERTIFIED
COPY HAS BEEN MAILED OR SERVED ON
ALL PARTIES THIS 8th DAY
OF June, 2004
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CLERK, ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING OFFICE
cc: Brett Sulzer
Karen White
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William H. Brown
Hearing Officer

A TRUE COPY ATTEST
LOUISIANA GAMING CONTROL BOARD
HEARING OFFICE
BATON ROUGE, LA June 8, 2004

Boraine Hayes
BY: CLERK