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## State of Louisiana Gaming Control Board

RONNIE JONES
CHAIRMAN

# IN RE: PENNY'S CAFÉ, INC. D/B/A PENNY'S CAFÉ NO. 4400209900

## **ORDER**

This matter was considered by the Louisiana Gaming Control Board at its meeting of October 16, 2013. The Hearing Officer's order dated September 30, 2013, based on the "Joint Motion for Approval of Compromise and Settlement Agreement" in the matter of the "Notice of Recommendation of Revocation, Order of Immediate Emergency Suspension, and Notice of Hearing" by and between Penny's Café, Inc. d/b/a Penny's Café, No. 4400209900, 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 16th day of October, 2013.

BY:

RONNIE JONES, CHAIRMAN

LOUIS ANA GAMING CONTROL BOARD
I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT A CERTIFIED
COPY HAS BEEN MAILED OR SERVED ON
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LOUISIANA GAMING CONTROL BOARD

**ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING OFFICE** 

RE: PENNY'S CAFÉ, INC. D/B/A PENNY'S CAFÉ

JOINT MOTION FOR APPROVAL OF COMPROMISE AND SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

TO THE HONORABLE ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING OFFICER:

NOW COME the State of Louisiana, Department of Public Safety and Corrections, Office of State Police (hereinafter, the "Division") and Penny's Café, Inc. d/b/a Penny's Café (hereinafter, "Penny's Café"), who file this Joint Motion for Approval of Compromise and Settlement Agreement, and in support thereof would respectively show unto the Hearing Officer as follows:

1.

The Division and Penny's Café are desirous of compromising and settling all disputes between them relative to the referenced administrative proceeding. In connection therewith, the parties have entered into a Compromise and Settlement Agreement, which by its terms will become effective upon approval by the Administrative Hearing Office and the Louisiana Gaming Control Board.

2.

A true and correct copy of the proposed Compromise and Settlement Agreement is attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and incorporated by reference for all purposes.

Louisiana Control Board

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, the Division and Penny's Café respectfully request that this Honorable Administrative Hearing Officer approve the parties' Compromise and Settlement Agreement.

Respectfully Submitted,

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**ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING OFFICE** 

RE:

PENNY'S CAFÉ, INC. D/B/A PENNY'S CAFÉ

LICENSE NO.: 4400209900

COMPROMISE AND SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

The State of Louisiana, Department of Public Safety and Corrections, Office of State

Police (hereinafter, the "Division") and Penny's Café, Inc. d/b/a Penny's Café (hereinafter,

"Penny's Café"), do hereby represent and agree as follows:

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Gaming Control Board has sent a Notice of Recommendation

of Revocation, Order of Immediate Emergency Suspension, and Notice of Hearing to Penny's

Café, which Notice contains allegations of certain violations of Louisiana Gaming Control Law;

WHEREAS, at the suspension hearing on August 26, 2013, the suspension was lifted

and the recommendation against Penny's Café was amended to administrative action; and

WHEREAS, the issues raised by said Notice are set for hearing before the Louisiana

Gaming Control Board Administrative Hearing Office on September 30, 2013; and

WHEREAS, the Division and Penny's Café are desirous of fully and finally

compromising and settling all issues and disputes arising out of and in connection with said

notice;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing, the parties hereto do hereby

agree and stipulate as follows:

#### **STIPULATIONS**

- Penny's Café allowed its alcohol permit issued by the Louisiana Department of Alcohol and Tobacco Control (hereinafter, "ATC") to expire on April 30, 2013.
- 2. Penny's Café allowed its alcohol permit issued by the Parish of St. Bernard 10 expire on February 28, 2013.
- 3. On July 24, 2013, the Division inspected the licensed establishment and found that Penny's Café was selling alcohol with an expired ATC permit and local alcohol permit.
- As of August 1, 2013, Penny's Café had not renewed its ATC permit or local alcohol permit.
- 5. Penny's Café has operated three (3) video gaming devices with an expired local alcohol permit since March 1, 2013, and an expired ATC permit since May 1, 2013.
- Penny's Café failed to notify the Division of the expirations of its ATC permit and local alcohol permit.
- On or about August 15, 2013, Penny's Café renewed their ATC permit with an
  expiration date of April 30, 2015, and renewed their local alcohol permit with an expiration date
  of February 28, 2014.

#### **TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

1. In lieu of Administrative Action, Penny's Café will pay a penalty of THREE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED AND NO/100 (\$3,500.00) DOLLARS for its violations of La. R.S. 27:402(10), La. R.S. 27:402(14), La. R.S. 27:412(A)(1), (2), and (3), La. R.S. 27:412(B)(1), La. R.S. 27:413(A), La. R.S. 27:427(B)(1)(c), LAC 42:XI.2405(B)(1)(a), LAC 42:XI.2405(C)(1) and (2), LAC 42:XI.2417(A)(1), LAC 42:XI.2417(B)(2)(d), LAC 42:XI.2417(B)(4), LAC 42:XI.2417(B)(2)(d).

- The Division hereby agrees that payment of a penalty of THREE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED AND NO/100 (\$3,500.00) DOLLARS shall be in full and final settlement of all matters set forth in the Notice of Recommendation of Revocation, Order of Immediate Emergency Suspension, and Notice of Hearing for Penny's Café's violations of La. R.S. 27:402(10), La. R.S. 27:402(14), La. R.S. 27:412(A)(1), (2), and (3), La. R.S. 27:412(B)(1), La. R.S. 27:413(A), La. R.S. 27:427(B)(1)(c), LAC 42:XI.2405(B)(1)(a), LAC 42:XI.2405(C)(1) and (2), LAC 42:XI.2417(A)(1), LAC 42:XI.2417(B)(2)(d), LAC 42:XI.2417(B)(4), LAC 42:XI.2417(C)(1)(c).
- 3. The Division reserves the right to take into consideration these admitted violations in connection with any future investigation, violation or assessment of penalty and in connection with any future assessments of Penny's Café's suitability.
- 4. The terms of this Compromise and Settlement Agreement shall be interpreted under the laws of the State of Louisiana.
- 5. This Compromise and Settlement Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the Division and Penny's Café, pertaining to the subject matter contained herein and supersedes all prior and contemporaneous agreements, representations, and understandings of the parties.
- 6. This Compromise and Settlement Agreement is subject to approval by the Hearing Officer and the Louisiana Gaming Control Board. It is expressly understood that if the Hearing Officer approves this proposed settlement, this agreement is not thereby executory, but will be submitted to the Louisiana Gaming Control Board for its determination as to whether to approve same or to remand the matter to the Hearing Officer for a full hearing on the merits.

7. If approved, Penny's Café agrees to make full payment of the civil penalty within fifteen (15) days of approval of this settlement by the Louisiana Gaming Control Board. Penny's Café agrees that failure to meet this requirement shall result in immediate suspension of the video draw poker license without the necessity of any further administrative action until the penalty is paid in full.

I have read this entire Compromise and Settlement Agreement and agree to all stipulations and terms and conditions hereof.

Penny G. Lepine, President and Owner of and on behalf of Penny's Café, Inc. d/b/a Penny's Café

Christopher B. Hebert, AAG, on behalf of the

State of Louisiana, Department of Public Safety &

Corrections, Office of State Police

### STATE OF LOUISIANA

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### ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING OFFICE

RE: PENNY'S CAFÉ, INC. D/B/A PENNY'S CAFÉ

LICENSE NO.: 4400209900

#### **ORDER**

BE IT REMEMBERED that on the 30th day of September, 2013, came on for consideration the Joint Motion for Approval of Compromise and Settlement Agreement, and the parties having appeared by and through their respective attorneys of record or authorized person, and the Hearing Officer having considered the pleadings on file, the proposed Compromise and Settlement Agreement, and the said Motion, and it appearing to the Hearing Officer that the said Compromise and Settlement Agreement should be approved; it is, therefore,

ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that the Compromise and Settlement Agreement attached to the parties' Joint Motion for Approval of Compromise and Settlement Agreement be, and the same is hereby, APPROVED; that Penny's Café must pay a total penalty of THREE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED AND NO/100 (\$3,500.00) DOLLARS to the Division within fifteen (15) days of approval by the Louisiana Gaming Control Board. Failure to do so shall result in the immediate suspension of the gaming permit without the necessity of any further administrative action until the penalty is paid in full.

SIGNED AND ENTERED this \_ 3 day of