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**STATE GAMING CONTROL BOARD AUDIT DIVISION
APPOINTMENTS**

Las Vegas, Nevada – Dennis Neilander, Chairman of the State Gaming Control Board, has appointed Lynda Hartzell Chief of the Board's Audit Division and Shirley Springer Deputy Chief of the Division. Hartzell has been a Deputy Chief in the Audit Division assigned to the Board's Las Vegas office, a post she has held for nearly ten years. Shirley Springer, another veteran of the Audit Division, will fill the Deputy Chief position vacated by Hartzell. Both appointments are effective March 23, 2009.

The Audit Division is one of seven divisions the Board comprises to regulate Nevada's gaming industry. It is composed of 106 employees with offices in Las Vegas and Reno. The Division audits the records of casinos to determine whether taxable gaming revenues and live entertainment tax revenues have been properly reported. Nevada casinos produced approximately \$980 million in tax revenues for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2008. The Audit Division also evaluates internal control systems and conducts interim observations of casinos to assure compliance with gaming statutes and regulations.

"We are pleased to announce Lynda Hartzell's promotion to Chief of our Audit Division and looking forward to her leadership which will be bolstered by her years of experience. Many of our licensees are experiencing market conditions vastly different than what we are used to and our audit function is of great importance to the State—now more than ever."

Hartzell, based in Las Vegas, began her career with the Audit Division in 1982 and has served in several posts of increasing responsibility, to include Audit Manager and Audit Supervisor, before being appointed to Deputy Chief in 1999. Hartzell is a Nevada certified public accountant and graduated from Northern Arizona University with a degree in Accountancy. Hartzell will replace Gregg Gale, who recently announced his retirement after 30 years of service with the Board. Gale had been Chief of the Audit Division since 1987.

As Deputy Chief, Shirley Springer will oversee audits and compliance reviews conducted by the Board's Las Vegas office. She has been with the Audit Division for a total of 23 years. Springer earned her degree in Accountancy from UNLV and is also a certified public accountant. In her capacity as Deputy Chief, Springer will report directly to Lynda Hartzell.

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