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TO: ALL LICENSED MANUFACTURERS AND INTERESTED PERSONS

SUBJECT: ADOPTED TECHNICAL STANDARD 3.150 SECTION 11 CLARIFICATION

The Nevada Gaming Commission and the Gaming Control Board have recently approved a new Technical Standard 3 that applies primarily to slot monitoring systems and cashless wagering systems. While this Technical Standard will not be in effect until August 22, 2004, there has been some recent confusion regarding the implementation of one section of this standard, specifically, Technical Standard 3.150 section 11. This notification is to provide additional clarity to this section.

First, this Standard requires that only one wagering instrument may be printed in the event that communications between a cashless wagering system (system) and a gaming device are lost. This is not to be construed to mean that the system may be configured to allow only one instrument to be printed. This Standard is meant to specify that the system must function in this manner regardless of configuration. Providing the option to circumvent this requirement by a configuration setting will be viewed as a violation of this Technical Standard.

The other area of confusion involves the definition of the "system" and what constitutes a loss of communication between the system and the gaming device. For the purposes of this Technical Standard, the system consists of the entire communications link from, and including, the database to the interface component. The interface component is the device that provides the communications link from the game to the system.

Any time a game is unable to communicate with the voucher database it will be deemed to have lost communication with the system. Communications with the gaming device will continue to be "lost" until the complete link from the voucher database to the game has been reestablished.

When this standard was adopted, there was no objection from the industry to the single ticket requirement. The purpose of the standard was to reduce the possibility of counterfeiting or theft. Other regulatory agencies wanted an even stricter standard, but consented to the single ticket requirement.

If there is substantial justification that would justify a different requirement, despite the risk of counterfeiting or theft, and despite the fact that we would be out of step with other jurisdictions with whom we have been working on uniform technical standards at the industry's request, we are willing to meet with you to discuss this issue.

If there are still questions regarding this Technical Standard you may contact Marc McDermott in Las Vegas at (702) 486-2043.

Sincerely,

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