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NOTICE TO LICENSEES

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Issuing Division: Technology

DATE: December 27, 2023

TO: All Licensees and Interested Persons

FROM: Jim Barbee, Chief, Technology Division

SUBJECT: **Ante Up Initiative – Gaming Technology Field Test Procedures**

It is the policy of the Nevada Gaming Control Board (“Board”) and Nevada Gaming Commission to provide gaming equipment manufacturers and operators a regulatory environment that encourages innovation and the efficient and effective development and deployment of gaming technology. In furtherance of that policy, the Technology Division is implementing the Ante Up initiative effective January 1, 2024.

Regulations 14.080, 14.130, and 14.280 permit the Chair to authorize a field test of a gaming device or associated equipment under terms and conditions that the Chair may allow or require. These terms and conditions typically include field test procedures (procedures) required to be conducted by both the manufacturer and licensed operator participating in the field test. The procedures often include extensive audit steps be conducted by the staff of the licensed operator participating in the field test.

Under the Ante Up initiative, Technology Division staff will perform a significant portion of the procedures, lessening the burden on the licensed operator’s staff. Additionally, Ante Up is intended to expedite the approval process by enabling Technology Division staff to more quickly identify potential issues during the field test period that may require corrective action by the manufacturer.

NRS 463.670 and Regulation 14 contains provisions for the manufacturer seeking approval of a gaming device or associated equipment to pay the associated cost of the inspection and investigation. Manufacturers participating in the Ante Up initiative will be required to pay the cost associated with Technology Division staff performing the field test procedures. The current investigative billing rate is \$155 per hour.

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Participation in the Ante Up initiative is optional for a manufacturer. A manufacturer may request to participate in the Ante Up initiative by contacting the Technology Division. The ability to participate in the Ante Up initiative is subject to factors that include the availability and current work load of Technology Division staff.

Please direct questions on the Ante Up initiative to Technology Division Deputy Chief John Lastusky at (702) 486-2043 or jlastusky@gcb.nv.gov or Technology Division Chief Jim Barbee at (702) 486-2240 or jbarbee@gcb.nv.gov.