## BEFORE THE NEVADA GAMING COMMISSION AND THE STATE GAMING CONTROL BOARD

In the Matter of	
HARRAH'S ENTERTAINMENT, INC., and HARRAH'S OPERATING COMPANY, INC.	
(Delayed Public Offering)	

## <u>ORDER</u>

THIS MATTER came on regularly for hearing before the State Gaming Control Board ("Board") on November 6, 2002 and before the Nevada Gaming Commission ("Commission") on November 21, 2002, at Las Vegas, Nevada; and

THE BOARD AND COMMISSION having considered all information pertinent hereto;

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED BY THE NEVADA GAMING COMMISSION UPON THE

RECOMMENDATION OF THE STATE GAMING CONTROL BOARD:

- 1. THAT the following applications, as amended and supplemented, have been filed:
- a. The applications of Harrah's Entertainment, Inc., and Harrah's Operating Company, Inc., for a two year approval of a continuous or delayed public offering by them or any affiliated company wholly-owned by them which is or would thereby become a publicly traded corporation ("Affiliate");
- b. The applications of Harrah's Operating Company, Inc., for (i) approval to place restrictions upon the transfer of, and to enter into agreements not to encumber, the equity securities of Rio Hotel & Casino, Inc., Harveys Casino Resorts, Harrah's Las Vegas, Inc., and Harrah's Laughlin, Inc., in conjunction with a continuous or delayed public offering and (ii)

approval to guarantee securities issued by Harrah's Entertainment, Inc., Harrah's Operating Company, Inc., or their Affiliate(s) in conjunction with a continuous or delayed public offering, and to hypothecate its assets to secure the payment or performance of obligations evidenced by securities issued by Harrah's Entertainment, Inc., Harrah's Operating Company, Inc., or their Affiliate(s) in conjunction with a continuous or delayed public offering;

- c. The application of Rio Hotel & Casino, Inc., for approval to place restrictions upon the transfer of, and to enter into agreements not to encumber, the equity securities of Rio Properties, Inc., in conjunction with a continuous or delayed public offering;
- d. The application of Harveys Casino Resorts for approval to place restrictions upon the transfer of, and to enter into agreements not to encumber, the equity securities of Harveys Tahoe Management Company, Inc., conjunction with a continuous or delayed public offering; and
- e. The applications of Harrah's Las Vegas, Inc., Harrah's Laughlin, Inc., Rio Properties, Inc., and Harveys Tahoe Management Company, Inc., for approval to guarantee securities issued by Harrah's Entertainment, Inc., Harrah's Operating Company, Inc., or their Affiliate(s) in conjunction with a continuous or delayed public offering, and to hypothecate their assets to secure the payment or performance of obligations evidenced by securities issued by Harrah's Entertainment, Inc., Harrah's Operating Company, Inc., or their Affiliate(s) in conjunction with a continuous or delayed public offering;
- 2. THAT for a period of two years, Harrah's Entertainment, Inc., Harrah's Operating Company, Inc., and their Affiliate(s) are each granted approval, pursuant to NGC Regulation 16.115, to make public offerings, subject to the following conditions:
- a. That at all times during the two-year period, Harrah's Entertainment, Inc., Harrah's Operating Company, Inc., and their Affiliate(s) shall timely file all reports required by Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended;

- b. That upon filing documents with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") regarding the sale of any securities for which approval would otherwise be required, Harrah's Entertainment, Inc., Harrah's Operating Company, Inc., and their Affiliate(s) shall contemporaneously provide written notice and copies of such documents to the Board's Corporate Securities Division, and shall keep said Division continuously and promptly informed as to the progress of any public offering made hereunder and as to any other event that would have a material effect on Harrah's Entertainment, Inc., or its subsidiaries, which would be subject to reporting on SEC Form 8-K; and
- c. That the approval herein granted may be rescinded without prior notice upon the issuance of an interlocutory stop order by the Chairman of the Board. Said interlocutory stop order, if issued, shall remain in effect until the interlocutory stop order is lifted by the Commission upon such terms as are satisfactory to the Commission.
- 3. THAT the Commission hereby delegates to the Chairman of the Board the authority to issue interlocutory stop orders for any cause deemed reasonable by the Chairman, which shall remain in effect until lifted by the Commission as provided in Paragraph 2(c) above.
- 4. THAT for a period of two years, Harrah's Operating Company, Inc., is granted approval, pursuant to NGC Regulations 15.510.1-4 and 15.585.7-3, as applicable, to place restrictions upon the transfer of, and to enter into agreements not to encumber, the equity securities of Rio Hotel & Casino, Inc., Harveys Casino Resorts, Harrah's Las Vegas, Inc., and Harrah's Laughlin, Inc., in conjunction with a public offering made under the approval granted by Paragraph 2 of this Order.
- 5. THAT for a period of two years, Rio Hotel & Casino, Inc., is granted approval, pursuant to NGC Regulation 15.510.1-4, to place restrictions upon the transfer of, and to enter into agreements not to encumber, the equity securities of Rio Properties, Inc., in conjunction with a public offering made under the approval granted by Paragraph 2 of this Order.

- 6. THAT for a period of two years, Harveys Casino Resorts is granted approval, pursuant to NGC Regulation 15.510.1-4, to place restrictions upon the transfer of, and to enter into agreements not to encumber, the equity securities of Harveys Tahoe Management Company, Inc., in conjunction with a public offering made under the approval granted by Paragraph 2 of this Order.
- 7. THAT for a period of two years, Harrah's Operating Company, Inc., Harrah's Las Vegas, Inc., Harrah's Laughlin, Inc., Rio Properties, Inc., and Harveys Tahoe Management Company, Inc., are each granted approval, pursuant to NGC Regulation 16.100(3), to guarantee securities issued by Harrah's Entertainment, Inc., Harrah's Operating Company, Inc., or their Affiliate(s) in conjunction with a public offering made under the approval granted by Paragraph 2 of this Order, and to hypothecate their assets to secure the payment or performance of obligations evidenced by securities issued by Harrah's Entertainment, Inc., Harrah's Operating Company, Inc., or their Affiliate(s) in conjunction with a public offering made under the approval granted by Paragraph 2 of this Order.

ENTERED at Las Vegas, Nevada, this 21<sup>st</sup> day of November 2002.