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In the Matter of the Revocation of the )  
Certification to Conduct Gambling )  
Activities of: )  
)  
George Strong )  
Wapato, Washington, )  
)  
Class III Employee. )  
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NO. CR 2012-00662

**SETTLEMENT ORDER**

The Washington State Gambling Commission and the Class III Employee, George Strong, agree to this Settlement Order to resolve the administrative charges pending against him. Stephanie U. Happold, Assistant Attorney General, and Melinda Froud, Staff Attorney, represent the Gambling Commission. Mr. Strong represents himself.

I.

The Washington State Gambling Commission issued George Strong the following certification: Number 69-33830, authorizing Class III Employee activity.

The certification expires on April 18, 2013, and was issued subject to Mr. Strong's compliance with state gambling laws and rules.

II.

On July 10, 2012, the certified employee was served with the Notice of Administrative Charges. On September 19, 2012, the certified employee was served with the Amended Notice of Administrative Charges. On October 9, 2012, Mr. Strong requested an Administrative Hearing on his revocation proceedings.

III.

**SUMMARY:**

George Strong applied through the Yakama Nation Gaming Commission for, and subsequently received, a Class III Certification (Certification) to work at the Legends Casino. Mr. Strong failed to disclose on his application that, at the time, he was the subject of a pending federal felony case involving Theft of Government Funds.

**VIOLATIONS:**

1) **RCW 9.46.075(1)** provides the Commission may revoke any license for any reason or reasons it deems to be in the public interest.

2) **WAC 230-03-085(1) provides** that the Commission may revoke any license when a licensee commits any act that constitutes grounds under RCW 9.46.075 for revoking a license, or commits any other act that the commission determines constitutes a sufficient reason in the public interest for revoking a license.

3) **RCW 9.46.075 (10) provides** that the Commission may revoke any license when a licensee has pursued or is pursuing economic gain in an occupational manner or context which is in violation of the criminal or civil public policy of this state if such pursuit creates probable cause to believe that the participation of such person in gambling or related activities would be inimical to the proper operation of an authorized gambling or related activity in this state. For the purposes of this section, occupational manner or context shall be defined as the systematic planning, administration, management or execution of an activity for financial gain.

4) **WAC 230-03-085(8) provides** that the Commission may revoke any and all licenses or permits of any holder when the holder poses a threat to the effective regulation of gambling, or creates or increases the likelihood of unfair or illegal practices, methods, and activities in the conduct of gambling activities, as demonstrated by: (a) Prior activities; or (b) Criminal record; or (c) Reputation; or (d) Habits; or (e) Associations.

5) **RCW 9.46.075(8) provides** the Commission may revoke any license when a licensee fails to prove, by clear and convincing evidence, that he is qualified in accordance with the provisions of this chapter.

6) **RCW 9.46.153(1) provides** that it shall be the affirmative responsibility of each applicant and licensee to establish by clear and convincing evidence the necessary qualifications for licensure of each person required to be qualified under this chapter, as well as the qualifications of the facility in which the licensed activity will be conducted.

#### IV.

Mr. Strong has waived his right to a hearing based on the terms and conditions of this Settlement Order and further agrees to the following:

1) George Strong shall surrender his Class III certification. **The signed Settlement Order and the certification must be received by Commission staff on or before November 1, 2012**, and mailed to Commission Headquarters at the following address:

Washington State Gambling Commission  
Attention: Communications and Legal Division  
P.O. Box 42400  
Olympia, WA 98504-2400

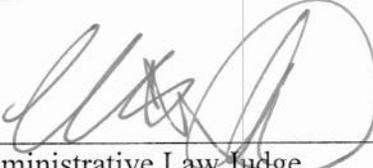
**Or delivered** (in person or via private courier) to the following address:

Washington State Gambling Commission  
Attention: Communications and Legal Division  
4565 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue SE; Fourth Floor  
Lacey, WA 98503

2) In the event Mr. Strong subsequently applies for a certification or gambling license, he will be subject to all the Commission's investigative procedures for processing an application for a gambling license. Furthermore, no promises or assurances have been made to Mr. Strong that he will receive a certification or license from the Commission should he apply.

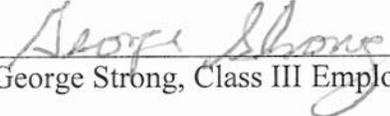
3) Mr. Strong shall have no involvement directly or indirectly, whether paid or unpaid, in the operation, ownership, or financing of any business in Washington State which is applying for, or holds, a gambling license or permit or is involved with any gambling activity, including punchboard/pull-tab activity. However, this does not prevent Mr. Strong from working in any non-gambling activity, such as employment in restaurants located in establishments engaged in authorized gambling activity.

DATED this 26<sup>th</sup> day of NOVEMBER, 2012.

  
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Administrative Law Judge

By his signature, the certified employee understands and accepts the terms and conditions of this Order.

APPROVED FOR ENTRY:

 11-7-12  
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George Strong, Class III Employee (Date)

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

 11/18/12  
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