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GAMBLING COMMISSION

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Dear House-Banked Card Room and Manufacturer Licensees:

NOTICE OF RULE MAKING

We have received a rules petition to allow pre-shuffled cards from a licensed manufacturer to be used for Baccarat.

On May 12, 2017, the Commissioners voted to initiate rulemaking with the understanding that staff would work with the petitioner and stakeholders to develop the:

- Rule(s) needed to allow pre-shuffled cards to be used for playing Baccarat;
- Rule(s) outlining the quality control standards card manufacturers would need to follow;
- Process staff would take to verify the integrity of the manufacturing process of pre-shuffled cards, which would include such things as documenting the manufacturer's procedures to ensure pre-shuffled decks are complete, free of markings, and are in a random order; and
- Internal controls a house-banked card room would be required to have prior to using pre-shuffled cards.

Our next step is to meet with stakeholders to discuss and then develop the above items. Our first meeting will be at 9:00 a.m. on July 12, 2017, at the Washington State Gambling Commission at 4565 7th Ave SE, Lacey, WA 98503. To participate by phone, please call 360-407-3780, and dial 830479#.

Once we have draft rules, we will present them to the Commissioners to be filed for further discussion and begin the rulemaking process. You can follow the rules process each month by reviewing the Complete Commission Packets that are posted a week prior to the monthly meeting under the Public Meetings section of our website, www.wsgc.wa.gov. You can also provide feedback on the rules and this petition by calling me, sending me a letter or email, or by providing public comment to the Commissioners at a commission meeting.

If you have any questions about this petition or the process, please feel free to contact me at 360-486-3546 or at Tina.Griffin@wsgc.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

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