



**STATE OF WASHINGTON
GAMBLING COMMISSION**

"Protect the Public by Ensuring that Gambling is Legal and Honest"

April 16, 2012

To: House-banked card game licensees
Manufacturers, distributors, and gambling service suppliers of card games

Subject: NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE CHANGE

**CONNECTING "ENVY" AND "SHARE THE WEALTH" "BONUS FEATURES"
BETWEEN DIFFERENT CARD GAMES AND DIFFERENT TABLES WITHIN A
HOUSE-BANKED CARD ROOM**

Two licensees are requesting a rule change to allow house-banked card rooms to connect "envy" and "share the wealth" "bonus features" between different card games and different tables, within a house-banked card room.

At their February 2012 meeting, the Commissioners denied a similar request by these licensees based on regulatory and policy concerns. The licensees submitted a new petition addressing areas they believe led to the denial of their first petition. The licensees' new proposal limits shared prizes to fixed payouts (no odds based payouts) and requires certain electronic notification features when connecting games on more than one table.

The proposed WAC revision and an analysis of the proposed change are posted on our website under Rules & Laws. ([Click here and see pages 15 - 61](#))

The proposed rule change will be discussed at the May Commission meeting in Spokane and we anticipate final action at the July Commission meeting in Seattle. Visit our website about two weeks before each meeting to confirm meeting dates and start times. Commission meetings are open to the public and you are invited to attend.

Public Comment: Please forward your comments by **May 15, 2012**.

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