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(f) Guaranteed payment to tribe. Provide for a minimum guaranteed monthly payment to the tribe in a sum certain that has preference over the retirement of development and construction costs.

(g) Development and construction costs. Provide an agreed upon maximum dollar amount for the recoupment of development and construction costs.

(h) Term limits. Be for a term not to exceed five (5) years, except that upon the request of a tribe, the Chairman may authorize a contract term that does not exceed seven (7) years if the Chairman is satisfied that the capital investment required, and the income projections, for the particular gaming operation require the additional time. The time period shall begin running no later than the date when the gaming activities authorized by an approved management contract begin.

(i) *Compensation*. Detail the method of compensating and reimbursing the management contractor. If a management contract provides for a percentage fee, such fee shall be either:

(1) Not more than thirty (30) percent of the net revenues of the gaming operation if the Chairman determines that such percentage is reasonable considering the circumstances; or

(2) Not more than forty (40) percent of the net revenues if the Chairman is satisfied that the capital investment required and income projections for the gaming operation require the additional fee.

(j) *Termination provisions*. Provide the grounds and mechanisms for amending or terminating the contract (termination of the contract shall not require the approval of the Chairman).

(k) *Dispute provisions*. Contain a mechanism to resolve disputes between:

(1) The management contractor and customers, consistent with the procedures in a tribal ordinance;

(2) The management contractor and the tribe; and

(3) The management contractor and the gaming operation employees.

(1) Assignments and subcontracting. Indicate whether and to what extent contract assignments and subcontracting are permissible. (m) Ownership interests. Indicate whether and to what extent changes in the ownership interest in the management contract require advance approval by the tribe.

(n) *Effective date*. State that the contract shall not be effective unless and until it is approved by the Chairman, date of signature of the parties notwithstanding.

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§531.2 Prohibited provisions.

A management contract shall not transfer or, in any other manner, convey any interest in land or other real property, unless specific statutory authority exists and unless clearly specified in writing in the contract.

PART 532 [RESERVED]

PART 533—APPROVAL OF MANAGEMENT CONTRACTS

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SOURCE: 58 FR 5829, Jan. 22, 1993, unless otherwise noted.

§533.1 Requirement for review and approval.

Subject to the Chairman's approval, an Indian tribe may enter into a management contract for the operation of a class II or class III gaming activity.

(a) Such contract shall become effective upon approval by the Chairman.

(b) Contract approval shall be evidenced by a Commission document dated and signed by the Chairman. No other means of approval shall be valid.

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