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Re: Eligibility of the Colorado River Indian Tribes (CRIT) to Receive Revenue Sharing Trust Fund (RSTF) Monies

Dear Mr. Rochon:

This Letter is sent in response to your letter dated September 12, 2008, in which you inquired about CRIT and its receipt of money from the Revenue Sharing Trust Fund (RSTF). Please accept our apologies for the delay in responding to your inquiry.

The State of California has a trustee obligation in its management of the RSTF to the Compacted and Non-Compacted tribes in California based on the 1999 Compacts.<sup>1</sup> Under section 4.3.2(a)(ii), the Commission is to serve as "Trustee, for the receipt, deposit, and distribution of monies paid pursuant to ... section 4.3.2" of the Compacts. Section 4.3.2.1(b) further states that the "Commission shall serve as the trustee of the fund." The Governor's Executive Order D-31-01 and D-66-03 further requires the California Gambling Control Commission (Commission) to administer the RSTF on behalf of California. As a result of this obligation, the Commission must ensure that it makes RSTF payments only to eligible Tribes under the Compacts.

The Compacts define who shall receive payments in two provisions. First, section 4.3.2.1(a) states:

"[t]he Tribe agrees with all other Compact Tribes that are parties to compacts having this Section 4.3.2 that **each Non-Compact Tribe in the State shall receive the sum of \$1.1 million per year.**" (Emphasis added.)

<sup>1</sup> All references to the "Compacts" and Compact sections in this letter are in regards to the 1999 Compacts, unless otherwise stated.

