

ORDER 2011-60
IN RE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT
AMERISTAR CASINO EAST CHICAGO, LLC
11-AS-01

After having reviewed the attached Settlement Agreement, the Indiana Gaming Commission hereby:

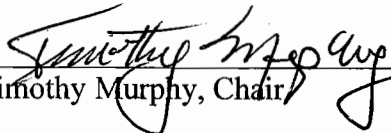
Approves

APPROVES OR DISAPPROVES

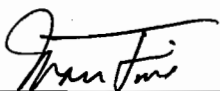
the proposed terms of the Settlement Agreement.

IT IS SO ORDERED THIS THE 17th DAY OF MARCH, 2011.

THE INDIANA GAMING COMMISSION:


Timothy Murphy, Chair

ATTEST:


Marc Fine, Secretary

**STATE OF INDIANA
INDIANA GAMING COMMISSION**

IN RE THE MATTER OF:)	
)	SETTLEMENT
AMERISTAR CASINO EAST)	11-AS-01
CHICAGO, LLC)	

SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

The Indiana Gaming Commission (“Commission”) by and through its Executive Director Ernest E. Yelton and Ameristar Casino East Chicago, LLC (“Ameristar”), (collectively, the “Parties”) desire to settle this matter prior to the initiation of a disciplinary proceeding pursuant to 68 IAC 13-1-18(a). The Parties stipulate and agree that the following facts are true:

FINDINGS OF FACT

COUNT I

1. 68 IAC 14-3-5 (a) states that all dice or playing cards that are not being utilized at a live gaming device shall be kept in locked compartments.
2. On October 24, 2010 a Gaming Agent was informed by a Dual Rate Shift Manager that eleven playing cards were left unattended and unaccounted for in the discard holder at a Baccarat table. The table had been open for play, but was closed fifteen minutes later due to lack of patrons. A video review showed the Dealer removed the cards from the card shoe and counted them, but did not sort or separate the cards by suit. The Dealer then canceled the counted cards, but failed to add the cards in the discard holder. The cards in the discard holder were left unsecured for over nine hours.

COUNT II

3. 68 IAC 2-3-9.2 (b) states riverboat licensees must advise the enforcement agent, on a form prescribed or approved by the commission, when one (1) of the following events occurs with an occupational licensee: (1) The occupational licensee’s employment with the riverboat licensee is terminated for any reason. The form must be submitted to the enforcement agent within fifteen (15) days of the occurrence of the change or action.
4. On October 27, 2010 a Gaming Agent was assigned by the Gaming Supervisor to do a compliance check of employee license status based on the annual renewal list

sent by the Commission in Indianapolis. The Agent discovered that Separation of Service Forms had not been received by the IGC for five employees. The employees were terminated from September 2009 through June 2010.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Commission staff alleges that the acts or omissions of Ameristar by and through its agents as described herein constitute a breach of IC 4-33, 68 IAC and/or Ameristar's approved internal control procedures. The Commission and Ameristar hereby agree to a monetary settlement of the alleged violations described herein in lieu of the Commission pursuing formal disciplinary action against Ameristar. This agreement is being entered into to avoid the potential expense and inconvenience of disciplinary action.

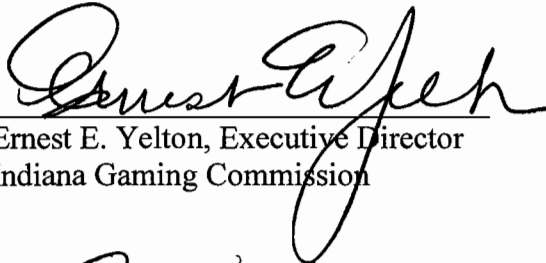
Ameristar shall pay to the Commission a total of \$11,500 (\$1,500 for Count I and \$10,000 for Count II) in consideration for the Commission foregoing disciplinary action based on the facts specifically described in each count of this agreement. This agreement extends only to those violations and findings of fact specifically alleged herein. If the Commission subsequently discovers facts that give rise to additional or separate violations, which are not described herein, the Commission may pursue disciplinary action for such violations even if the subsequent violations are similar or related to an incident described herein.

Upon execution and approval of this Settlement Agreement, Commission staff shall submit this Agreement to the Commission for review and final action. Upon approval of the Settlement Agreement by the Commission, Ameristar agrees to promptly remit payment in the amount of \$11,500 and shall waive all rights to further administrative or judicial review.

This Settlement Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the parties. No prior or subsequent understandings, agreements, or representations, oral or written, not specified or referenced within this document will be valid provisions of this Settlement Agreement. This Settlement Agreement may not be modified, supplemented, or amended, in any manner, except by written agreement signed by all Parties.

This Settlement Agreement shall be binding upon the Commission and Ameristar.

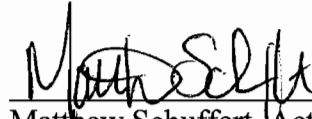
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have signed this Settlement Agreement on the date and year as set forth below.



Ernest E. Yelton, Executive Director
Indiana Gaming Commission

3.15.11

Date



Matthew Schuffert, Acting General
Manager
Ameristar Casino East Chicago, LLC

3/2/11

Date