

STATE OF WASHINGTON  
GAMBLING COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Suspension of the Licenses to )  
Conduct Gambling Activities of: )  
)  
Splits )  
Kelso, Washington, )  
)  
Licensee. )  
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NO. CR 2011-01241

**NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE  
CHARGES AND OPPORTUNITY  
FOR AN ADJUDICATIVE  
PROCEEDING**

I.

The Washington State Gambling Commission issued Splits, organization number 00-22034, the following licenses:

- Number 05-20877, authorizing Class “A” Punchboard Pull-Tab activity;
- Number 65-07297, authorizing Class “F-5” Public Card Room activity; and
- Number 53-21028, authorizing Class “B” Commercial Amusement Games.

The licenses expire on December 31, 2011, and were issued subject to the licensee’s compliance with state gambling laws and regulations.

II.

David Trujillo, Deputy Director of the Washington State Gambling Commission, charges the licensee with the following violations of the Washington State Gambling Act, 9.46 RCW, and WAC Title 230:

- 1) Splits failed to timely submit its punchboard/pull-tab activity report for the first and second quarters of 2011. The activity report was due at our administrative office by July 30, 2011. However, as of December 23, 2011, the activity report had not been received, in violation of WAC 230-14-284(1) and (2).
- 2) On August 11, 2011, a Commission Special Agent (agent) issued a Notice of Violation and Settlement (NOVAS)<sup>1</sup> to the licensee for failing to timely submit its punchboard/pull-tab activity report for the first and second quarters of 2011. However, the licensee failed to pay the NOVAS.
- 3) Previously, the licensee was nine days late submitting their activity report for the third and fourth quarters of 2010, which was due on January 30, 2011, and not received until February 8, 2011.

<sup>1</sup> A NOVAS identifies the violation, and in this case, gives the recipient the opportunity to pay a fine and submit its delinquent report to settle the matter.

4) Splits failure to timely submit its activity report demonstrates the licensee's willful disregard for complying with state administrative rules. Therefore, grounds exist for the suspension of Splits' licenses to conduct gambling activities, based on RCW 9.46.075(1) and WAC 230-03-085(1), (3), and (7).

5) On September 12, 2011, the agent received information that the business had closed, and she later confirmed the closure. Telephone messages left by the agent to call her back have not been returned.

**RCW 9.46.075 Denying, suspending, or revoking a license or permit**

The Commission may deny an application, or suspend or revoke any license or permit issued by it, for any reason or reasons, it deems to be in the public interest. These reasons shall include, but not be limited to, cases wherein the applicant or licensee, or any person with any interest therein: (The following subsection applies.)

(1) Violated, failed or refused to comply with the provisions, requirements, conditions, limitations or duties imposed by chapter 9.46 RCW and any amendments thereto, or any rules adopted by the Commission pursuant thereto, or when a violation of any provision of chapter 9.46 RCW, or any Commission rule, has occurred upon any premises occupied or operated by any such person or over which he or she has substantial control.

**WAC 230-03-085 Denying, suspending, or revoking a license or permit**

We may deny, suspend, or revoke any application, license or permit, when the applicant, licensee, or anyone holding a substantial interest in the applicant's or licensee's business or organization:

(The following subsections apply.)

(1) Commits any act that constitutes grounds for denying, suspending, or revoking licenses or permits under RCW 9.46.075.

(3) Has demonstrated willful disregard for complying with ordinances, statutes, administrative rules, or court orders, whether at the local, state, or federal level.

(7) Fails to provide us with any information required under Commission rules within the time required, or, if the rule establishes no time limit, within thirty days after receiving a written request from us.

**WAC 230-14-284 Activity reports for punchboard and pull-tab licensees**

Punchboards and pull-tab licensees must submit an activity report to the Commission. Licensees must complete the report in the format we require and must:

(The following subsections apply.)

(1) Cover the periods: (a) January 1 through June 30; and (b) July 1 through December 31; and

(2) Be received at our administrative office or postmarked no later than thirty days following the end of the reporting period.

III.

Jurisdiction of this proceeding is based on 9.46 RCW, Gambling, chapter 34.05 RCW, the Administrative Procedure Act, and WAC Title 230.

The licensee will have the opportunity to have a hearing on the alleged violations.

**In order to have a hearing or discuss settlement options**, the enclosed request for hearing must be completed and returned to the Gambling Commission **within 23 days** from the date of the mailing of this notice.

Based on RCW 34.05.440, failure to return a request for hearing will result in the entry of a default order **SUSPENDING YOUR LICENSES FOR 30 DAYS**.

STATE OF WASHINGTON )  
 ) ss.  
COUNTY OF THURSTON )

David Trujillo, being duly sworn on oath, says: That he has read this Notice of Administrative Charges and Opportunity for An Adjudicative Proceeding, knows the contents of it, believes it to be true, that he is the Deputy Director of the Washington State Gambling Commission, and in that capacity has executed said Notice.

David Trujillo  
DAVID TRUJILLO, DEPUTY DIRECTOR

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me  
this 27 day of December, 2011.

Michelle F. Rancour  
NOTARY PUBLIC in and for the State of  
Washington residing at Thurston County

My commission expires on 10-19-15

STATE OF WASHINGTON )  
 ) ss  
COUNTY OF THURSTON )

I hereby certify that I have this day served a copy of the document upon all parties of record in the proceeding by mailing a copy thereof, properly addressed with postage prepaid, by regular and certified mail to each party to the proceeding or to his or her attorney or authorized agent.

Dated at Olympia, Washington this 27 day of December, 2011

Julie [Signature]  
Communications and Legal Department  
Washington State Gambling Commission

