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Philip Welty
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RE: Boom Shakalaka, Inc. 8 Card Charlie Blackjack Waiver Request

Dear Mr. Welty:

On behalf of the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board ("Board" or "PGCB"), I have reviewed your waiver request and correspondence on behalf of Boom Shakalaka, Inc. ("Boom"), in which Boom is requesting a waiver concerning an 8 Card Charlie payout on Blackjack games. The proposed 8 Card Charlie would allow a patron's hand to constitute an automatic win and payout at 1-to-1 odds if the player hits enough times to accumulate 8 cards in their hand without busting, regardless of the outcome versus the dealer.

At this time, I grant Boom's waiver request to offer an 8 Card Charlie with Blackjack games. Specifically, this waiver relates to 58 Pa. Code §633a.13 (relating to payout odds; payout limitations) to allow for an 8 Card Charlie payout of 1-to-1 in addition to all other provisions of §633a.13, and to 58 Pa. Code §633a.7(k) which specifies when a player may draw additional cards, to provide that a player shall be forced to stand once they have won the 8 Card Charlie payout. All other aspects of the game must be offered in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 633a.

The waiver issued pursuant to this letter shall expire at such time that regulations are adopted by the Board and published in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*. If you have any questions, please contact Robert Wood, Senior Counsel, via email at [REDACTED].

Sincerely,

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Executive Director

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