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Nir Mironi
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RE: 8 Card Charlie Blackjack Waiver

Dear Mr. Mironi:

On behalf of the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board ("Board" or "PGCB"), I have reviewed your correspondence dated October 5, 2023, regarding Playtech's regulatory waiver request 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. Specifically, you request a waiver of Board regulation 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. Additionally, you request a waiver of 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.

At this time, I approve the implementation of the requested waivers, permitting Playtech to offer the 8 Card Charlie on Blackjack games. All other aspects of the games must be offered in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 633a. If you have any questions or concerns on this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Assistant Chief Counsel, Robert Wood, via email at [REDACTED].

Sincerely,

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Executive Director

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