



Exhibit VIII.B.5. - Regional Economic Plan Coordination

Submit as Exhibit VIII. B.5. a statement as to whether the Applicant's proposed Gaming Facility is part of a regional or local economic plan, and, if yes, provide documentation demonstrating the Applicant's inclusion within, and coordination with, regional economic plans.

As an active member and driver of economic growth in the Southern Tier region since its opening in 2006, Tioga Downs has been and will continue to be part of several regional and local economic plans. Specifically, and as discussed in the attached letter from the Tioga County Department of Economic Development and Planning, Tioga Downs has been part of the following economic plans:

- NY Rising Community Reconstruction Plan;
- The Greater Nichols 2020 Plan: Building a More Vibrant Community Through Cooperative Action;
- The Tioga County 2015 Tourism Marketing Plan (Tioga Downs previously participated in prior iterations of this plan); and
- The Tioga County 2010 Strategic Plan.

Applicable portions of each of the above plans are attached. Maintaining its status as an active participant in regional and local economic plans, including those noted above, will remain a key aspect of Tioga Down's commitment to the Southern Tier community going forward as a full scale Gaming Facility.



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New York State Gaming Commission
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Dear New York State Gaming Commission:

I am the Director of Tioga County Economic Development & Planning and am proud to provide this letter identifying Tioga Downs Racetrack, LLC's long standing commitment to Tioga County and the Southern Tier Region.

Tioga Downs has been included in many regional and local economic plans since it opened in 2006. I would like to highlight some examples of references to Tioga Downs in regional and local economic plans:

- 1.) The "Tioga County 2013 Visitor Research" prepared by Young Strategies, Inc. in March, 2014.
- 2.) The "NY Rising Community Reconstruction Plan" Application Report in March, 2014.
- 3.) The "2014 Tourism Marketing Plan", prepared by Tioga County Tourism.
- 4.) The Greater Nichols 2020 Plan: "Building a More Vibrant Community through Cooperative Action", prepared by Cornell University in January, 2006.
- 5.) The "Tioga County 2010 Strategic Plan" completed in March, 2005.

These reports demonstrate that Tioga Downs is strongly considered and a critical element of all regional and local economic plans. In fact, the Tioga County 2010 Strategic Plan (March 2005) specifically identified the idle Tioga Park facility as a potential opportunity for development.

Tioga County leaders have made clear the importance of Tioga Downs by consistently recognizing the site in past and current economic development plans. It is widely acknowledged that Tioga Downs' growth will provide a positive economic impact to the region. I anticipate that Tioga Downs will continue to be named in future regional and local economic plans that affect Tioga County.

Sincerely,

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