1	STATE OF NEW JERSEY
2	CASINO CONTROL COMMISSION
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4	IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF
5	500 BROADWAY, LLC, FOR DECLARATORY RULING
6	UNDER NJSA 5:12-82
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10	Tuesday, January 31, 2017
11	Atlantic City Commission Offices
12	Joseph P. Lordi Public Meeting Room - First Floor
13	Tennessee Avenue and Boardwalk
14	Atlantic City, New Jersey 08401
15	10:30 a.m. to 1:20 p.m.
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 1 BEFORE:
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 2 CASINO CONTROL COMMISSION:
                                                                                SPECIAL PUBLIC MEETING NO. 17-01-31
     MATTHEW B. LEVINSON, CHAIR
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                                                                                   JANUARY 31, 2017, 10:30 a.m.
     SHARON ANNE HARRINGTON, VICE CHAIR
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     ALISA COOPER, COMMISSIONER
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                                                                        1 Petition of 500 Broadway, LLC, for
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   PRESENT FOR THE CASINO CONTROL COMMISSION:
                                                                           Declaratory Ruling
     DARYL W. NANCE, ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST
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     DANIEL J. HENEGHAN, PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER
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   OFFICE OF THE GENERAL COUNSEL:
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     DIANNA W. FAUNTLEROY, GENERAL COUNSEL/EXECUTIVE
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      SECRETARY
     ELIZABETH F. CASEY, SENIOR COUNSEL
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   DIVISION OF GAMING ENFORCEMENT:
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    DAVID REBUCK, DIRECTOR
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     MARY JO FLAHERTY, ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL
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 1 APPEARANCES:
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 2 ITEM NO. 1 DIANNA W. FAUNTLEROY,
                                                                            Amendment to Amended and Restated Revel X
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           GENERAL COUNSEL/EXECUTIVE SECRETARY
                                                                           Hotel & Casino Lease Agreement dated
           ELIZABETH F. CASEY, SENIOR COUNSEL
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           DAVID REBUCK, DIRECTOR
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           COOPER LEVENSON
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           LLOYD D. LEVENSON, ESQ.
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           LYNNE KAUFMAN, ESQ.
                                                                           through D-5 has not been assigned)
           FOR: 500 BROADWAY, LLC
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                                                                            Revel Hotel and Casino Lease Agreement X
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                                                                           (Original Lease) - May 26, 2016
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## Special Meeting, 500 Broadway, LLC January 31, 2017

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1 DIVISION EXHIBITS CONTINUED	1 (Public Meeting 17-01-31 was com	nenced
2 NUMBER DESCRIPTION ID EVD 3 D-9(d) Division of Gaming Enforcement Invoice X	2 at 10:30 a.m.)	neneca
No. 046332 dated August 18, 2016	3 MR. NANCE: Good morning. I'd l	ike to
4 (Sealed - No. 17-01-11-12) 5 D-9(e) E-mail dated September 6, 2016, from X	4 read an opening statement:	ike to
Edward Sysol to April Caswell re: 500	5 This is to advise the general public	
6 Broadway, LLC/Copy of Invoices/Invoice No.046185	- ·	1
7 (Sealed - No. 17-01-11-12) 8 D-9(f) Letter dated September 8, 2016, from X	6 that in compliance with Chapter 231 of t	
Lynne Levin Kaufman to Edward J. Sysol	7 public laws of 1975 entitled "Senator Br	•
9 re: Polo North Country Club, Inc. (Sealed - No. 17-01-11-12)	8 Baer Open Public Meeting Act," the Nev	-
10	9 Casino Control Commission on January	
D-9(g) Letter dated September 23, 2016, from X  11 Edward J. Sysol to Lynne Levin Kaufman	filed with the Secretary of State at the St	
re: 500 Broadway, LLC 12 (Sealed - No. 17-01-11-12)	House in Trenton an annual meeting sch	
13 D-9(h) E-mail dated September 26, 2016, from X	On January 26, 2017, copies were mailed	d to
Edward Sysol to April Caswell with  14 Attachment	subscribers.	
(Sealed - No. 17-01-11-12)	Members of the press will be permit	
D-9(i) Letter dated October 9, 2016, from X	to take photographs. We ask that this be	done
16 Glenn F. Straub to the Division of Gaming Enforcement re: Invoice No.	in a manner which is not disruptive or	
17 04684, Account No. 77-00 with	distracting to the Commission.	
Attachments 18 (Sealed - No. 17-01-11-12)	The use of cell phones in the public	
19 D-9(j) Letter dated October 18, 2016, from Edward J. Sysol to Mr. Glenn F. Straub,	19 meeting room is prohibited.	
20 Manager, Lloyd Levenson, Esq., and	Any member of the public who wish	ı to
Lynne Levin Kaufman, Esq. re: 500 21 Broadway, LLC	21 address the Commission will be given th	e
(Sealed - No. 17-01-11-12)	22 opportunity to do so before the Commiss	sion
D-9(k) Letter dated October 19, 2016, from X	23 adjourns for the day.	
23 Lynne Levin Kaufman to Edward J. Sysol re: 500 Broadway, LLC	24 Please stand for the Pledge of	
24 (Sealed - No. 17-01-11-12) 25	25 Allegiance.	
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1 DIVISION EXHIBITS CONTINUED	1 ITEM NO. 1	
2 NUMBER DESCRIPTION ID EVD 3 D-9(1) Division of Gaming Enforcement Invoice X	2 (The Flag Salute was recited.)	
3 D-9(1) Division of Gaming Enforcement Invoice X No. 046646 dated October 24, 2016, with	3 MS. FAUNTLEROY: Good morning.	
4 Attachment	4 When I call your name, please answer for	or
(Sealed - No. 17-01-11-12)	5 the record, please.	
5 P.O( ) I ( 10 11 21 2016 6 P.	6 Commissioner Cooper?	
D-9(m) Letter dated October 31, 2016, from X  6 Edward J. Sysol to Lynne Levin Kaufman,	7 COMMISSIONER COOPER: Present.	
Esq., re: 500 Broadway, LLC	8 MS. FAUNTLEROY: Vice Chair Harri	ngton?
7 (Sealed - No. 17-01-11-12)	9 VICE CHAIR HARRINGTON: Here.	
8 D-9(n) Letter dated November 29, 2016, from X	10 MS. FAUNTLEROY: And Chairman L	evinson?
Edward J. Sysol to Mr. Glenn Straub 9 re: 500 Broadway, LLC, with	11 CHAIR LEVINSON: Here.	
9 re: 500 Broadway, LLC, with Attachments	MS. FAUNTLEROY: Item No. 1 on the	e
10 (Sealed - No. 17-01-11-12)	agenda for your consideration for the Specia	l
11	Meeting is the matter of the Petition of 500	
12	15 Broadway, LLC, for Declaratory Ruling und	er
13 14	16 NJSA 5:12-82.	
15	17 Senior Counsel Liz Casey will review	
16	that matter with you to take you through it.	
17	19 MS. CASEY: Good morning, Chairman	n and
18	20 Commissioners.	-
19 20	21 CHAIR LEVINSON: Good morning.	
21	22 MS. CASEY: As Miss Fauntleroy just	
22	23 stated, we are here today regarding the	
23	24 Petition of 500 Broadway, LLC, for a	
24 25	25 Declaratory Ruling under NJSA 5:12-82.	
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2 3	This is a continuation from our meeting on January 11th of this year.	3	sealed. D-6, D-7, and D-8 have been redacted.
4		4	And D-9(a) through D-9(o) have been sealed with the consent of the Petitioner and the Division
5	The parties are present and represented by counsel, and I would ask that they enter		
	-	5	subject to a reservation by the Division of the
6	their appearance.	6	right to request that they be unsealed.
7	CHAIR LEVINSON: Thank you.	7	Do both parties agree with the portion
8	Please enter.	8	of D-1 that had been sealed and portions of
9	MR. LEVENSON: Hi. Lloyd Levenson on	9	D-6, 7, and 8 that have been redacted, that
10	behalf of the Petitioner.	10	they actually reflect the Division the
11	MS. KAUFMAN: Lynne Kaufman on behalf of	11	decision of the Commission in our January 11th
12	the Petitioner.	12	Order?
13	CHAIR LEVINSON: Thank you.	13	Do you guys agree that
14	MR. REBUCK: Dave Rebuck on behalf of	14	MS. KAUFMAN: Yeah.
15	the State, Division of Gaming Enforcement.	15	CHAIR LEVINSON: the redaction is
16	MS. FLAHERTY: Mary Jo Flaherty,	16	MS. CASEY: Mr. Chairman?
17	Assistant Attorney General, for the Division of	17	CHAIR LEVINSON: Yes.
18	Gaming Enforcement.	18	MS. CASEY: There has been some
19	Thank you.	19	discussion about that minor changes to D-1 that
20	CHAIR LEVINSON: Thank you.	20	we were going to address at the if we
21	During the January 11th, 2017,	21	recess.
22	proceeding, we determined that exhibits and	22	CHAIR LEVINSON: Okay. But nothing
23	portions of certain exhibits relevant to our	23	that
24	consideration of this matter.	24	MS. CASEY: Nothing substantive.
25	Daryl, can you please list the premarked	25	Correct.
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1	ITEM NO. 1	1	ITEM NO. 1
2	exhibits for identification?	2	CHAIR LEVINSON: Both agree to the
3	MR. NANCE: Chair, the Commission has	3	changes?
4	premarked exhibits as follows:	4	MR. LEVENSON: I believe so. Yes.
5	The Petitioners submitted one exhibit	5	MS. FLAHERTY: Let me address
6	premarked as P-1. P-1 is an Amendment to	6	CHAIR LEVINSON: Thank you.
7	Amended and Restated Revel Hotel & Casino Lease	7	MS. FLAHERTY: Yes. With regard to all
8	Agreement dated January the 11th, 2017.	8	of these exhibits, D-1, D-6, D-7, D-8, and
9	The Division of Gaming Enforcement	9	D-9(a) through 9(o) goes into admission subject
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14 16 1 ITEM NO. 1 1 ITEM NO. 1 and I have a job to do, along with Miss 2 final agreement. 2 3 3 CHAIR LEVINSON: Okay. Other than that, Kaufman, so. 4 is there anything further to add to any 4 As was stated in the beginning, 500 5 5 exhibits? For this hearing? For this --Broadway, LLC, which is wholly owned by Polo 6 MS. FLAHERTY: Not at this time. 6 North Country Club, the current lessor of the 7 7 Thank you, Chair. property known as Ten, filed a Petition for 8 MS. KAUFMAN: No. 8 Declaratory Ruling that 500 Broadway as the 9 9 CHAIR LEVINSON: Okay. Commissioners, lessor of Ten does not need a casino license or 10 do you have any questions regarding the 10 a casino service industry license. markings of these exhibits? We first need to look at Section 82b, 11 11 12 VICE CHAIR HARRINGTON: I do not. 12 B-like-ball, of the Act, which is entitled 13 CHAIR LEVINSON: Okay. If there's not 13 "Casino License" and very importantly goes on 14 any objection to the admission of the marked 14 the title to call it, to say "Applicant 15 exhibits into evidence, no further objections? 15 Eligibility." And goes on to in the beginning 16 Everything good? 16 talks about the terms to be included in the 17 I'll entertain a motion to admit P-1 and 17 written lease or management agreement, 18 D-1 as sealed; D-6, D-7, and D-8 as redacted; 18 corporate applicants, limitations upon issuance 19 and D-9(a) through D-9(o) as sealed into 19 due to undue economic concentration. 20 evidence. 20 But the portion I want to bring to your Do I have a second? 21 21 attention in the title talks about casino 22 COMMISSIONER COOPER: I'll second that. 22 license, applicant eligibility. So per its 23 CHAIR LEVINSON: Any discussion on 23 title, Section 82b sets forth generally who is 24 24 those? eligible to hold a casino license prior to the 25 (No response.) 25 operation of a casino. 15 17 1 ITEM NO. 1 1 ITEM NO. 1 2 CHAIR LEVINSON: All those in favor? 2 Section 82b also sets up the framework 3 3 that permits the Commission to determine with (Ayes.) 4 CHAIR LEVINSON: Opposed? 4 the concurrence of the Attorney General, which 5 5 (No response.) shall not be unreasonably withheld, that 6 6 CHAIR LEVINSON: Motion carries. certain persons who are eligible to hold a 7 Now, are there any preliminary matters 7 casino license are not required to hold a 8 8 that we want to address on this matter at all casino license. 9 before we get -- Mr. Levenson, can you please 9 One such person, we submitted, who is 10 start? Or Miss Kaufman? 10 eligible to hold a license is a lessor of an 11 MR. LEVENSON: I just want to say first 11 approved casino hotel; in this case, Ten. 12 this is my bad side, so. 12 Another such person who is eligible to hold a 13 13 (Laughter.) license is a person who has control over either 14 MR. LEVENSON: The problem is my wife is 14 an approved casino hotel or the land thereunder 15 teaching now, so she didn't hear what I just 15 or the -- over the operation of a casino. 16 said, so too bad. 16 The framework established in Section 82b 17 Mr. Chairman, Ms. Vice Chair, Ms. 17 that certain persons are not required to hold a 18 Cooper, appreciate the opportunity to be here 18 casino license is refined in Section 82c, which 19 19 this morning. It's been a bit of an arduous lists several specific circumstances where the 20 process, but we are -- we are here. 20 Casino Control Commission can determine a 21 21 And I just want to say first that person is not required to obtain a casino 22 certainly respect the Director of the Division 22 license. 23 and the people that work for him. And no 23 One such circumstance is set forth in 24 matter how this comes out, that respect will 24 Section 82c(1) which provides that the 25 not -- not diminish. They have a job to do, 25 Commission with the concurrence of the Attorney

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In order to show that the lessor meets the requirements for no licensure under Section 82c(1), it will first be necessary for us to show that the tenant holds the interests and rights to operate what could constitute an approved casino hotel under the Act. It will then be necessary for us to show that the lessor does not have significant control over the approved casino hotel or the operation of the casino.

shall not be required to hold a casino license.

Let's first address the approved casino hotel issue starting with the statutory definition. In Section 5:12-83 of the Act an approved casino hotel contains at least 500 sleeping units and a casino with certain square footage, depending upon the number of hotel rooms. As you all know, for 500 rooms, you get 60,000 square feet of casino space. And as you

Thus, clearly the tenant will have the interests and rights to have everything required to have an approved casino hotel.

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In sum, he's got the casino space. He's got the back-of-the-house items that supports the casino space. He's got 900 hotel rooms. He's got a front desk check-in. He's got parking facilities. He's got restaurant space.

The issue of an approved hotel facility contained within a larger structure, like Ten is, is not prohibited by the Act, but as the Division has rightly noted, it has not yet come before the Commission. The reason this is a new issue is, historically our legislature and our regulators had to grapple with the opposite fact pattern. The question of how broadly the definition of "hotel" or "approved hotel" could be construed. Because way back when, when Atlantic City was thriving, the casinos were always looking for ways to have more casino space without having to necessarily build new hotel rooms. So we lived in a vastly different economic climate at that time in Atlantic City, and they were sent -- the arguments by the

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casino hotels at that time were centered around broadening the statutory definition of an "approved casino hotel." First it was done to help meet certain requirements regarding exhibition space. And later so that the casino operator could be considered to have more hotel rooms to justify a larger casino floor.

That is why the definition -- statutory definition of "approved hotel" has been amended several times from the initial concept of a single building to the current definition that reads in part, and I'll read it: A single building or two or more buildings which are physically connected in a manner considered to be appropriate by the Commission and are operated as one casino hotel facility.

Our situation, at a time when Atlantic City has more than enough casino space and a gigantic presently unused property, did not exist before. It was not contemplated in hardy economic times when there was little competition from neighboring states. Therefore, the concept of the footprint of an approved hotel being less than the entire

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feet of casino space. Under the statute as a backdrop, along with some of the requirements in the regulations, we can demonstrate that the interests and rights of the tenant under the lease can constitute an approved casino hotel because our casino hotel under the lease contains all of the following: 900 hotel rooms, 100,000 square feet of casino space, a front desk check-in. The casino space includes back-of-the-house areas such as security and surveillance offices, slot tech areas, cages and count rooms, DGE offices, monitor rooms, chip and card storage areas and destruction rooms. Associated elevator and hallway areas, including those to armored car bays. And a call-center related space. In sum, everything that's necessary to operate a casino, including a self-park garage -- parking garage -- and valet parking. And the tenant also has the irrevocable license to use all common space necessary to conduct casino operations and to function and operate the proposed casino hotel.

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26 28 1 ITEM NO. 1 1 ITEM NO. 1 2 2 know, there's certainly not a game of gotcha. Furthermore, the Division has consistent 3 3 VICE CHAIR HARRINGTON: Uh-hum. and continually addressed with the Petition and 4 MR. LEVENSON: That, you know, we're 4 his representatives the needs for licensure for 5 5 all -- and I'm not saying that the Commission almost two years. 6 is doing that or even the Division is doing 6 For the benefit of the Commission and 7 7 that. What I'm saying is, if there's a the general public, I want to place on the 8 provision of this lease that could be changed 8 record in chronological order the events that 9 Q and Mr. Straub and Mr. Landino would agree to has brought the parties before you today. 10 that change which would cause you to grant this 10 On February 3rd, 2015, Petitioner filed petition, you know, certainly we would like to 11 11 an incomplete application for a casino license 12 know it. We're not, you know, omni --12 with the Division in anticipation of acquiring 13 omnipresent, if that's the right word. 13 the former Revel Casino Hotel facility during 14 Clairvoyant or whatever. There could be --14 bankruptcy proceedings. The Division advised 15 this is a long document, and we could have 15 the Petitioner's representatives at that time 16 missed something. Like the last time, we did 16 it could not commence an investigation based 17 17 miss the parking facility, and we missed the upon its partially complete application. 18 ownership of the gaming equipment. And we took 18 On April 7th, 2015, Petitioner purchased 19 care of that before the last hearing. I 19 the Revel's property and certain other assets, 20 20 wouldn't be surprised that maybe there is a including the entire inventory of gaming 21 sentence or more in here that you might say, 21 equipment, through bankruptcy proceedings under 22 22 you know what? Because Mr. Straub still has what was referenced as an Asset Purchase 23 Agreement. that, you know, that -- the right to do 23 24 24 something that that will cause you to deny our Immediately thereafter, the Division 25 25 petition, because I think we should have the filed an objection to an attempt by the parties 27 29 1 ITEM NO. 1 1 ITEM NO. 1 2 opportunity for the sake of 3,000 employees 2 in the bankruptcy proceeding to transfer and 3 that are potentially going to be hired there, 3 assign to the Petitioner Revel's casino gaming 4 4 for the sake of Atlantic City, for the sake of license, its service industry gaming licenses, 5 5 the taxes that, you know, would be -- would be its casino operation certificate and license, 6 6 and its casino alcoholic beverage licenses. paid to the State. I mean, there's -- I can go 7 through 50 different reasons why we should get 7 The Division opined that the new owner would be 8 8 this building open. So I would ask that if required to apply for these licenses and be 9 there is something that we could change in this 9 vetted under investigation for approval. 10 lease that would make you grant this petition 10 The parties to the sale agreed to remove 11 that's not in there that you advise us of that, 11 these licenses from that transaction. The 12 12 bankruptcy court approved the sale without and then we can make a determination whether 13 13 that makes business sense. those licenses included in the asset 14 VICE CHAIR HARRINGTON: Okay. Just to 14 transactions. 15 clarify. So Mr. Straub controls Polo North and 15 Furthermore, the Division then entered 16 controls 500 Broadway. 16 into an agreement on May 7th, 2015, with the 17 Petitioner allowing it to store, secure, and 17 MR. LEVENSON: Right. 18 18 VICE CHAIR HARRINGTON: One and the disable all gaming equipment within the 19 property without a casino license, without any 19 20 license until such time as the facility was 20 Thank you. 21 reopened to the general public and while it 21 CHAIR LEVINSON: Any further questions? 22 Division? 22 applied for licenses. The Division, in taking this unique 23 MR. REBUCK: Chairman and Commissioners, 23 24 24 action, recognized the value placed on the the Division of Gaming Enforcement strongly 25 gaming equipment by the parties to the 25 opposes the relief requested by the Petitioner.

30 32 1 ITEM NO. 1 1 ITEM NO. 1 2 transaction in the bankruptcy court, its desire 2 On March -- on September 9th, 2016, six 3 3 of the parties to execute a timely sale of the months to the day, as promised, the Division 4 4 bankruptcy proceedings, and we balanced it investigative report was filed with the 5 5 against the Division's needs that mandate and Commission. 6 ensure that persons who own gaming equipment 6 January 11th of this year, a third lease 7 7 are properly licensed. This agreement is still revision was presented to the Division. The 8 in effect. 8 terms contained in the Amended Lease do not 9 9 Despite numerous efforts by the Division change the Division's position today. 10 10 to urge the Petitioner to complete his February Sadly, the matter before you is not even 11 2015 casino application, no attempt was made to 11 emergent. The Petitioner has indicated that 12 do so until almost a year later. And we have 12 the lessee under the lease will obtain a casino 13 filed with us a completed application for a 13 license. However, although the Division has 14 casino license on March 9th, 2016. 14 engaged in discussions with the proposed lessee 15 Understanding the urgency of reopening 15 since May 2016 for the requirements of the 16 the facility as soon as possible, the Division 16 filing of an application for licensure by the 17 committed to complete its investigation on that 17 lessee, almost nine months has transpired. The 18 report and report to you, to the Commission. 18 Division does not have a completed casino 19 within six months. That's an accelerated time 19 license application from the lessee. 20 frame that was unprecedented in past 20 Therefore, the reopening of this facility for 21 applications before you. 2.1 casino operations is not even remotely imminent 22 On May 26, 2016, the Petitioner 22 at this time. 23 23 presented its proposed Lease Agreement that In closing, it is the opinion of the 24 24 we're here before you today. It identified a Division that the Petitioner's arguments are 25 new party to operate the casino and other 25 frivolous and without merit. 31 33 1 ITEM NO. 1 1 ITEM NO. 1 2 portions of the facility. The Petitioner's 2 Assistant Attorney General Mary Jo 3 representatives were advised at that time that 3 Flaherty will present for the record the 4 4 both parties to the lease required licensure. Division's legal arguments based on those 5 5 The Division was presented with an points. 6 Amended Lease on June 16th, 2016, and the 6 I'm happy to take any questions from the 7 7 Petitioner was advised both parties required Commissioners as it relates to the matters that 8 8 licensure. I've brought to your attention. 9 On August 30th, 2016, the Petitioner 9 CHAIR LEVINSON: Thank you. 10 filed the Petition with you seeking a 10 Commissioners, any questions for Mr. 11 determination that no casino license or any 11 Rebuck? 12 other gaming license is required to be obtained 12 (No response.) 13 13 CHAIR LEVINSON: Hearing none, go ahead. by the Petitioner if casino operations were to 14 be held in the property, in the facility, 14 MS. FLAHERTY: Thank you, Chairman and 15 15 pursuant to the terms of the lease. Commissioners. Good morning. 16 It's important to note that at no time 16 Pursuant to Section 82, the Division is 17 prior to or subsequent to the August -- that 17 recommending that the Commission determine and 18 May 26 Lease or the August 30th filing as the 18 rule on the pending Petition that the 19 19 Petitioner sought to withdraw -- withdraw, Petitioner is not eligible for any waiver of 20 amend, rescind its March 9th application. 20 licensure, and that it is required to hold a 21 21 license based on its ownership of the casino On September 8th the Petitioner filed a 22 second Amended Lease Agreement. The Petitioner 22 hotel facility, the land thereunder, and the 23 was advised again that the revisions did not 23 lease arrangement. 24 change the Division's decision that licensure 24 Under NJSA 5:12-82b, the persons 25 was required by both parties. 25 required to hold a casino license include the

34 36 1 ITEM NO. 1 1 ITEM NO. 1 2 owner of a casino hotel, both the lessor and 2 Broadway because it owns the entirety of all 3 3 those premises and properties. Therefore, in lessee of a casino hotel, and any other person 4 who has control over an approved casino hotel 4 any event, under Section 82c(2), no license 5 5 or the land thereunder or the operation of a waiver would be available to 500 Broadway, and 6 casino. Casino licensure is required for the 6 it would be required to hold a license. 7 7 owner and lessor of a casino hotel pursuant to Beyond these points, the type of lease Sections 82b(1), (2), and (4) of the Act. 8 8 arrangement and arrangement proposed by 9 9 Petitioner is unique and unprecedented, as Mr. A waiver of this casino licensing 10 10 Levenson has said, in New Jersey gaming requirement is subject to Section 82c(1) which 11 history. Prior lease agreements approved by 11 provides that a waiver may only be granted to a 12 person that is determined not to have the 12 the Commission related to long-term leases of 13 ability to exercise significant control over 13 land parcels underlying a casino which may have 14 either the approved casino hotel or the 14 been extremely small and had set in even simple 15 operation of the casino. 15 terms and were at times owned and controlled by 16 Petitioner has contended in its papers 16 an affiliate of the casino licensee. The 17 that the legislature intended that Section 17 landlords had virtually no control over the 18 82c(1) as a waiver be granted under normal 18 building, and even those lessors were required 19 circumstances. Its argument is in error, 19 to have a type of license. 20 without a legal basis, and contrary to 20 The lease in this matter, however, 2.1 Commission interpretation and precedent. 2.1 includes ownership of the casino hotel 22 The language of Section 82c(1) was 22 facility, the underlying land by Petitioner. 23 written in tandem with the provisions of 23 It provides for significant control of the 24 24 building by the landlord, and it far from an Section 82b which sets forth the requirements for the persons who must hold a casino license. 25 even normal circumstance which in and of itself 37 35 1 ITEM NO. 1 1 ITEM NO. 1 2 If a person is addressed in Section 82b, the 2 would require licensure. It is only in the 3 language of Section 82c(1) generally is not 3 absolutely rare and extraordinary circumstance 4 4 applicable. Section 82c(1) merely ensures where Section 82c(1) comes into play. 5 5 This current situation of an owner and merely that extraneous and irrelevant persons 6 6 lessor of a casino hotel facility and all the cannot force their investigation and licensure for a casino operation. 7 land thereunder, as well as its stand-alone 8 8 For example, if a determination is made energy plant, seeking a complete waiver from 9 that the statement-of-compliance process is not 9 licensure is unprecedented in the history of 10 available, a person cannot proceed under 10 gaming in New Jersey. 11 Sections 82b and 82c(1). Historically, other 11 As stated, past lease agreements and 12 cases which occurred in the early '80s under 12 bona fide management agreements provide for far 13 13 Section 82c(1) and 82c(2) are related to less control by an entity and have all resulted 14 persons with minor land lease interests, at 14 in licensure. As such, a status of no 15 times entered into before the advent of 15 licensure for Petitioner is impermissible. 16 Atlantic City casino gaming. And those persons 16 The lease deals with the premises. 17 were still determined to require service 17 Petitioner retains the remainder of the 18 industry licensure. 18 facility. The leased premises do not include 19 19 Similarly, Section 82c(2) provides that any common areas or other areas controlled by 20 a waiver may be granted to an owner, lessee, or 20 the landlord. Thus, the premises do not 21 21 include the whole casino hotel facility. lessor of an approved casino hotel or the land 22 22 thereunder who does not own or lease a An "approved casino hotel" refers to the 23 23 significant portion of an approved casino entire facility. In this matter, the proposed 24 hotel. 24 casino hotel is the facility in order to 25 This provision does not apply to 500 25 actually function and conduct its operation.

38 40 1 ITEM NO. 1 1 ITEM NO. 1 2 But Petitioner erroneously asserts that it is 2 over the premises, which are to included a 3 3 only the leased premises. Although, the entire casino. 4 facility comprises a casino hotel, the 4 In addition to Petitioner's significant 5 5 Petitioner claims that only the premises of Ten control over the approved casino hotel, 6 will be considered the casino hotel. Such 6 Petitioner will also benefit financially from 7 7 logic is untenable and is in clear leasing space to the tenant. Those lease payments include base rent, annual rent for 8 contradiction to reality and to the 8 9 9 requirements of the Act. hotel rooms and the front desk area, monthly 10 10 percentage rents for the spa, pool, restaurant, The Petitioner argues that under the meeting room areas, and the area known as The 11 lease, it does not maintain significant control 11 12 over the casino hotel or the casino operations 12 Social and area known as Ovation Hall. 13 and is, therefore, eligible for a complete 13 Tenant must pay any and all sales and 14 waiver of both the casino and service industry 14 use taxes, including the luxury tax and the 15 licensing requirements. The Division disagrees 15 CRDA tax. Thus, Petitioner further financially 16 with the Petitioner's interpretation, and the 16 benefits by having those taxes paid. 17 Division maintains that no such waiver is a 17 Moreover, the existence of a casino 18 possibility under the Act. 18 operation inside the facility will undoubtedly 19 Contrary to Petitioner's assertion, 19 attract more patrons and visitors using the 20 Petitioner maintains significant control over 20 facility, providing Petitioner with an 21 the proposed casino hotel. The facility 21 additional financial benefit for any amenities 22 contains 1,399 hotel rooms, only 900 of which 22 and attractions which are not managed by the 23 are leased to the tenant. Thus, Petitioner 23 tenant. Petitioner will also benefit 24 24 maintains control over the remaining 499 hotel financially from increased patronage to the 25 rooms, which is approximately 36 percent of the 25 areas managed from the tenant where there is a 39 41 1 ITEM NO. 1 1 ITEM NO. 1 2 total hotel rooms. 2 percentage rent. Overall, Petitioner clearly 3 Section 2.2 of the Lease requires that 3 would benefit financially from the total 4 the landlord provide improvements which are 4 ownership and the lease of a portion of the 5 5 controlled by the landlord. These areas, casino hotel facility. 6 6 accorded to landlord, provide it with control In summary, the amount of control over 7 over the facility and the premises, and the 7 the casino hotel which is maintained by the 8 8 facility and the premises cannot operate Petitioner is significant. Under the lease, 9 without them. 9 Petitioner controls 36 percent of the hotel 10 Further, Section 5.0 of the Lease 10 rooms, all common areas, and various 11 specifically grants landlord exclusive control 11 improvements. Petitioner also retains other 12 12 over all common areas, and the landlord must rights with regard to access and maintenance 13 operate, maintain, or repair the common areas. 13 which afford control. 14 Again, those areas are under landlord's 14 Accordingly, no waiver of the casino or 15 authority and provided with control over the 15 service industry license requirement pursuant 16 facility and the premises, and the facility and 16 to Section 82c(1) is available to Petitioner as 17 premises cannot operate without them. the owner and lessor and based on its control 17 18 Moreover, pursuant to Section 9.0 of the 18 and benefit. No waiver pertains or can be 19 Lease, landlord must maintain in good condition 19 applied. 20 and repair all portions of the casino hotel. 20 The Division also maintains that under 21 21 Such responsibility cedes control over the Section 82b(4) as well as 82b(5) and 82 -- I'm 22 facility and the premises to the landlord. 22 sorry -- 82c(5) and 82c(7), that Petitioner is 23 Finally, under Section 15 of the Lease, 23 required to have a license. 24 landlord specifically retains rights. Those 24 Accordingly, no waiver of the casino or 25 rights further demonstrate Petitioner's control 25 service industry license requirements pursuant

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50 52 1 ITEM NO. 1 1 ITEM NO. 1 2 2 City. They are not here. And maybe they'll with regard to Wynn was only to say that they 3 3 never come back again. So we have to think a have a separate entrance with elevator and 4 little bit out of the box not to violate the restaurant and check-in and whatever. The 5 5 statute, not to violate any regulations, but to example that's the most appropriate is Mandalay 6 think in a way where, well, how can we make 6 Bay with the Four Seasons. The Four Seasons 7 7 this work? Not how can we make it not work. doesn't have a casino license. It operates 8 Okay. And so it can work. It can work 8 right as part of -- I mean, you just -- you can 9 9 walk through the casino and go to the elevator because the tenant has an irrevocable license 10 10 for the Four Seasons. They're not licensed. to use all common space necessary to conduct 11 That's what I'm trying to encourage the 11 casino operations and to function and operate 12 the proposed casino hotel. He's got the common 12 Commission to look at, is what is happening in 13 areas. He's got the 900 rooms. He's got 13 Las Vegas. Four Seasons, I would submit, would 14 100,000 square feet of casino space. He's got 14 not be in Mandalay Bay if they had to file for a full casino license in Nevada. I don't know 15 all the back of the house he needs. He's got 15 16 restaurants. He's got a first-class facility. 16 that, but you don't see them licensed anywhere 17 17 And anybody who's been to Revel, and now else in the country as a casino. 18 Ten, knows that it's a first-class facility. 18 So the point is that there's no reason 19 And if you go there today, it doesn't look any 19 why that portion of Ten that is not controlled 20 different from the date that it closed. If you 20 by Mr. Landino now cannot be controlled by 2.1 go in the rooms, they still have the toiletries 21 someone else, including Mr. Straub, because it 22 has nothing to do with the casino or the that they had back then. That's how -- that's 22 23 how this place has not been touched in any way 23 operation of the casino. And it has nothing to 24 24 do with the casino hotel facility that I'm negatively. So there's no reason why that 25 25 can't be -- that part of it can't be a licensed trying to encourage you to think of as the 51 53 1 ITEM NO. 1 1 ITEM NO. 1 2 and approved casino hotel facility. 2 property that is leased out to Mr. Landino. 3 MS. FLAHERTY: Can I just reply to that 3 CHAIR LEVINSON: Anything further? 4 quickly? 4 MR. LEVENSON: Yeah. And the other 5 All the examples that Mr. Levenson has 5 thing is that, you know, I hear all the 6 arguments about 82b(2), (4), (6). You know, it given us are totally in opposite to this 6 7 situation. Mr. Wynn is licensed as a casino 7 sounds like the Super Bowl. You know, hike. 8 8 operator in Nevada. Mandalay Bay is owned by So many different sections. But, you know, she 9 MGM which is licensed as a casino operator in 9 says that you have to read them in tandem with 10 Nevada. They own and control that facility and 10 c(1). To me, c(1) is the one that controls 11 operate the casino, and they lease out some 11 this case. It's -- the most specific part of 12 rooms, as Revel was going to once do under Mr. 12 82 is 82c(1). DeSanctis. Revel had a casino hotel. Mr. 13 13 And, you know, when you look at case law 14 DeSanctis was qualified, and he was looking to 14 where, in a case that goes look at least to 1939, which is called "Ackley versus Norcross," 15 rent out some of those buildings. That is 15 16 acceptable. That is fine. That is not what is 16 122 New Jersey Law 569, a Superior Court case 17 being done here. And here we have a landlord 17 in 1939. It is an established proposition 18 who controls the air conditioning, the water, 18 that -- and I'll quote the part that I want to 19 19 the electricity, the cables, all the utilities, have quoted: When there is a seeming conflict 20 the entire ability of this premises to operate. 20 between a general statute and a specific 21 And we're being asked to say that he does not 21 statute covering a subject in a more minute and 22 have control and that he doesn't need a 22 definite way, the latter shall prevail over the 23 license. This can all work. This can all 23 former and will be considered an exception to 24 happen. All that has to happen is licensure. 24 the general statute. 25 MR. LEVENSON: What I was trying to say 25 That's what you have here. You have

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3	necessary.	3	VICE CHAIR HARRINGTON: I was
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5	money from the lease I don't know where in	5	CHAIR LEVINSON: Go ahead.
6	the Casino Control Act or the regulations it	6	VICE CHAIR HARRINGTON: So the tenant is
7	says that somebody who is going to make some	7	in control of all parking.
8	money has to get licensed. Doesn't say that.	8	MR. LEVENSON: Yes.
9	I know historically we always thought of the	9	VICE CHAIR HARRINGTON: All parking.
10	fact, well, you're going to profit from your	10	MR. LEVENSON: All parking.
11	involvement in the casinos. We have to look at	11	VICE CHAIR HARRINGTON: So does the
12	you. It's not it's not part of the	12	other 36 percent rooms and common space, et
13	requirements. It's history.	13	cetera, if they want to access, they use that
14	That's the problem here. It's 2017, and	14	parking?
15	the Division of Gaming Enforcement is talking	15	MR. LEVENSON: They could pay for
16	history. I'm talking the present and the	16	parking. It's public parking.
17	future.	17	VICE CHAIR HARRINGTON: So it's paid
18	Thanks.	18	parking.
19	CHAIR LEVINSON: Division response?	19	MR. LEVENSON: Yeah. It's parking like
20	MS. FLAHERTY: Yes. Just a few	20	every other casino. Most of them some have
21	comments.	21	free parking, but if you pay five bucks, you
22	I know that the Commission is very well	22	can park there.
23	aware of the policies that are set forth in the	23	VICE CHAIR HARRINGTON: Okay. So Ten is
24	Act, but I will just note that what Mr.	24	the whole entity? Or Ten is the casino?
25	Levenson has referred to are all subject to a	25	MR. LEVENSON: No. Ten is the whole
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2	MR. LEVENSON: The lease the leases,	2	CHAIR LEVINSON: Okay. Hearing none, we
3	the parking, and the self-parking and valet	3	are we are again here today on the
4	parking to Mr. Landino's company.	4	application of 500 Broadway for a Declaratory
5	VICE CHAIR HARRINGTON: Okay. Thank	5	Ruling on whether it needs any kind of license
6	you.	6	whatsoever since it leases part of the
7	CHAIR LEVINSON: Any further questions?	7	formal former Revel building to a third
8	Miss Cooper?	8	party. We are not here today to determine the
9	COMMISSIONER COOPER: No. Thank you.	9	suitability of 500 Broadway, Polo North, or Mr.
10	CHAIR LEVINSON: Good?	10	Straub to hold any such license.
11	VICE CHAIR HARRINGTON: Good.	11	In my opinion, we could dismiss this
12	CHAIR LEVINSON: Okay. We're going to	12	petition for several reasons. We were asked to
13	go into a recess.	13	waive licensing for a landlord that doesn't own
14	Is that clock right?	14	the land in question. The company that does
15	MR. HENEGHAN: It's pretty close.	15	own the land, Polo North, isn't a party to this
16	MS. CASEY: Yes.	16	petition. Mr. Straub could have transferred
17	MS. FAUNTLEROY: Yes.	17	the property to 500 Broadway, but he failed to
18	CHAIR LEVINSON: 11:30, 11:35.	18	do so. But rather than deny this petition on
19	MS. FAUNTLEROY: 1:00, Mr. Chairman?	19	procedural grounds and delay the process, I
20	CHAIR LEVINSON: Be lack at 1:00. Okay?	20	will deal with the substance of the request by
21	Thank you.	21	Mr. Staub and his companies.
22	MR. LEVENSON: Thank you.	22	500 Broadway plans to lease portions of
23	(A recess was taken from 11:35 to 1:09	23	the complex, including all of the gaming space,
24	p.m.)	24	to an unaffiliated company, Revel North Beach,
25	MR. LEVENSON: Pledge of the Allegiance	25	LLC, which does not currently hold a casino
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3	(Laughter.)	3	Control Act, anyone who owns a casino hotel is
4	CHAIR LEVINSON: We're good. Everyone	4	a lessor or lessee of a casino hotel, or who
5	sit down. I guess everyone is waiting on me	5	has control over the casino hotel or the land
6	for that one.	6	it sits on is required to hold some sort of
7	Okay. Welcome back.	7	casino license. Mr. Straub and his companies
8	Miss Casey, can you just go over the	8	fit all those categories.
9	redacted parts and the changes that we talked	9	The question of a license status of a
10	about before the meeting just so it's on the	10	landlord is not a new one. In fact, it's
11	record, please.	11	something this commission considered for the
12	MS. CASEY: Yes. Mr. Chairman, the	12	first time more than 35 years ago. In some
13	Division asked that we include throughout the	13	instances, the owner of the property was
14	documents, dollar signs, the word "dollar," the	14	required to get a casino license, while in
15	word "percent," the percent sign. And we went	15	other cases, owners had to get a casino service
16	through D-1, D-8. D-6 and 7 are also being	16	industry enterprise license. In this case, Mr.
17	done	17	Straub has not asked for a ruling on what kind
18	CHAIR LEVINSON: Okay.	18	of licensure, if any, is required. He had that
19	MS. CASEY: to conform with their	19	option. Instead he asked for a ruling that no
20	request.	20	license is required.
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21	CHAIR LEVINSON: All right. Thank you	21	Given the extent of Mr. Straub's control
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66 68 1 ITEM NO. 1 1 ITEM NO. 1 2 need to determine if he qualifies for any level 2 Jersey are good people of character, honesty, 3 3 and integrity. And to turn a blind eye on a of licensure. 4 4 Before us today is a different, a more landlord who controls half of a casino hotel 5 5 controlling lessor/lessee situation than this complex and all the vital systems needed for a 6 commission has addressed in the past. Mr. 6 casino hotel to operate would be to abrogate 7 7 the very oath I took when I became Chairman. Straub will lease only a portion of the casino 8 hotel property to Revel North Beach, LLC, and 8 The conclusion here is inescapable, and 9 9 retain control over the rest of it. it's clear. 500 Broadway clearly has the 10 This is not a lease of the entire casino 10 ability to exercise influence or control over the proposed casino hotel per its lease 11 hotel property as envisioned under the Casino 11 Control Act. Mr. Straub proposes to maintain 12 12 agreement. As a result, 500 Broadway needs a 13 control over a significant portion of the 13 casino license or a CSIE, and Mr. Straub must 14 facility. He created a proposal where the 14 be found qualified for that license. 15 approved casino hotel would not include a third 15 The Applicant does not qualify for any 16 of the hotel rooms, retail stores, multiple 16 waiver of the license. It has not shown good 17 restaurants, and the public corridors cause for a waiver, and the Attorney General 17 18 throughout the property. That simply defies 18 will not consent to an issue of any waiver. 19 credulity. 19 Just to be clear. Mr. Straub does not 20 20 We are not here to write this lease for need any license from this commission to own a 2.1 the Petitioner and say what terms would be 21 hotel in Atlantic City. Mr. Straub does not 22 acceptable. We are here to deal with the lease 22 need any license from this commission to 23 that the parties negotiated and submitted to 23 operate a hotel in Atlantic City. But if Mr. 24 24 us. We are not talking about a shopping mall Straub wants to own a hotel with a casino with 25 where the landlord simply collects rent. This 25 these lease terms, he clearly needs a license. 67 69 1 ITEM NO. 1 1 ITEM NO. 1 2 isn't a 99-year lease with a fixed rent. It is 2 As the Director aptly noted, Mr. Straub 3 a request from someone who shares control over 3 still owns all the gaming equipment, which was 4 a property with a tenant with only a five-lease 4 permitted only in anticipation of him filing 5 that does not have a casino license. That is 5 for a casino license. 6 control. That is why 500 Broadway's request 6 Our decision today does not in any way must be denied. We would turn the Casino 7 delay an opening of a casino. A license is 8 8 Control Act on its head if we permit this required to operate a casino in New Jersey, and 9 applicant to avoid licensure. 9 right now, no one has a license for that 10 The Petitioner does note that the 10 property. 11 statute provides for a waiver of license 11 Unfortunately, Mr. Straub, on multiple 12 requirements for good cause. But the 12 occasions, had mislead people as he suggested 13 Petitioner provides no argument whatsoever on 13 he was ready to put thousands of people to work and open the facility, but government 14 what the good cause is in this case. 14 regulations were blocking progress and creating 15 I recognize the social and economic 15 16 benefits that reopening a casino hotel would 16 red tape. To the contrary. Polo North 17 have. I want to see this property reopened and 17 submitted an incomplete application with this 18 see thousands of my neighbors put back to work. 18 commission almost two years ago, and it took no 19 But the environment in Atlantic City does not 19 action to complete the application for an 20 change the requirements of the Casino Control 20 entire year. That filing was superceded when 21 Act. We will not undermine the policies of the 21 500 Broadway filed a complete application in 22 Act for that end. I have a responsibility to 22 March of 2016 in which it indicated that 500 23 protect the public confidence in the gaming 23 Broadway intended to own and operate a casino 24 industry and to ensure that the people who own 24 at the property. 25 and operate casino hotels in the State of New 25 The Division of Gaming Enforcement then

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            VICE CHAIR HARRINGTON: So moved.
            CHAIR LEVINSON: Second?
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            COMMISSIONER COOPER: Second.
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            CHAIR LEVINSON: All those in favor?
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