



SCHAGHTICOKE TRIBAL NATION CONNECTICUT

By Electronic and U.S. Mail

February 4, 2016

Hon. Denise W. Merrill
Secretary of State
30 Trinity Street
Hartford, CT 06106

Re: The Schaghticoke Tribal Nation's Special Act 15-7 Business Entity

Dear Secretary Merrill:

As you are aware, your office on February 2, 2016 approved the Schaghticoke Tribal Nation's registration of the tribal business entity authorized by Special Act 15-7. Notwithstanding that approval, there are reports in the press yesterday indicating that you are considering revoking this registration. The Schaghticoke Tribal Nation is troubled by these reports and objects to any such revocation.

As an initial matter, the basis for this possible revocation you have apparently provided the press – that the Schaghticoke Tribal Nation did not “flag” the special nature of its application as arising under Special Act 15-7¹ – is demonstrably false. As you know, the registration form plainly states that the Schaghticoke Tribal Nation “seeks, through this new LLC, to develop a casino in Connecticut pursuant to Special Act 15-7.” Accordingly, the Schaghticoke Tribal Nation's intent to proceed under Special Act 15-7 was clearly presented to your office, which approved the registration of the LLC for that specific purpose.

More broadly, the Schaghticoke Tribal Nation objects to any process that reserves the ability to develop a third casino in Connecticut to any particular tribes or other groups. We therefore oppose any attempt to revoke the registration issued yesterday, and we intend to continue to proceed under Special Act 15-7.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Richard L. Velky, Chief". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Richard L. Velky, Chief
Schaghticoke Tribal Nation

¹ See, e.g., <http://ctmirror.org/2016/02/03/sots-concedes-error-in-schaghticoke-casino-authorization/>

