

Massachusetts Gaming Commission
Vote to Adopt Amended Section 61 Findings and
Incorporate into Region B Category 1 Gaming License

PROJECT NAME: MGM Springfield
PROJECT LOCATION: Springfield, Massachusetts
PROJECT PROPONENT: Blue Tarp reDevelopment, LLC (“MGM”)
EOEEA NUMBER: 15033
FINAL AGENCY ACTION: Category 1 Gaming License

WHEREAS on December 22, 2015, the Massachusetts Gaming Commission (the “Commission”) voted to adopt the Commission’s Section 61 Findings (the “2015 Section 61 Findings”) with respect to the MGM Springfield Project (the “Project”), to grant to MGM the final Region B Category 1 Gaming License, to incorporate by reference the 2015 Section 61 Findings into MGM’s License for the Project, and to require, as a condition of the License, that MGM comply with the terms, conditions, mitigation measures and other requirements identified in the 2015 Section 61 Findings;

WHEREAS the Commission expressly reserved the right to take further action with respect to the 2015 Section 61 Findings, the License for the Gaming Establishment, and any conditions contained in the 2015 Section 61 Findings or the License for the Gaming Establishment.

WHEREAS on or about June 15, 2018, MGM filed a Request for Advisory Opinion (“RAO”) with the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs’ (“EOEEA’s”) Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act (“MEPA”) Office describing proposed modifications and refinements to the Project since the issuance of the 2015 Section 61 Findings, and seeking a determination that these proposed modifications and refinements do not require a filing of a Notice of Project Change (“NPC”) under MEPA;

WHEREAS in an Advisory Opinion issued on July 12, 2018, the MEPA Office determined that an NPC is not required for these proposed modifications and refinements to the Project because those modifications and refinements will “not result in a material change that will increase environmental impacts compared to impacts previously reviewed by MEPA.”;

WHEREAS MGM has proposed the Amended Section 61 Findings, attached hereto, to reaffirm MGM’s commitment to avoid or minimize impacts to the environment of the Project and to update the 2015 Section 61 Findings;

NOW THEREFORE, I move that the Massachusetts Gaming Commission:

1. Approve the proposed modifications and refinements to the Project described in the RAO, the Advisory Opinion, and the Amended Section 61 Findings attached hereto;
2. Adopt the Amended Section 61 Findings regarding the Project in the form attached hereto pursuant to the Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act G.L .c. 30, §§ 61-62I,


G.L. c. 23K, § 15(12), 301 CMR 11.12, and 205 CMR 120.02, to update and replace the 2015 Section 61 Findings;

3. Find, pursuant to G.L. c. 30, § 61 and 301 CMR 11.12(5), that all feasible measures have been taken to avoid or minimize impacts to the environment of the Project, for the reasons stated in the Commission's Amended Section 61 Findings attached hereto, and all other documents, approvals, and certifications incorporated by reference therein;
4. Incorporate by reference, pursuant to G.L. c. 30, §§ 61-62I, G.L. c. 23K, §§ 4(15), 15(12), and 21(c), 301 CMR 11.12(5)(b) and 205 CMR 120, the Commission's Amended Section 61 Findings attached hereto into MGM's License for the Project and require, as a condition of the License, that MGM comply with the terms, conditions, mitigation measures and other requirements identified in the Commission's Amended Section 61 Findings;
5. Authorize the Commission to execute the Commission's Amended Section 61 Findings in the form attached hereto;
6. Authorize the Commission's General Counsel to take all necessary procedural actions to effectuate the Commission's Amended Section 61 Findings in accordance with the Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act, the Massachusetts Gaming Act, and the regulations implementing each statute; and
7. Require as a condition of the License a regular quarterly review by the Commission of MGM's compliance with the Commission's Amended Section 61 Findings and the terms and conditions of the License.

DATED: July 19, 2018
 MOVED BY: Commissioner Cameron
 SECONDED BY: Commissioner O'Brien
 RECORD OF VOTE:

Commissioner	In Favor	Opposed	Abstained	Recused	Absent
Stephen Crosby	√				
Gayle Cameron	√				
Eileen O'Brien	√				
Bruce Stebbins					√
Enrique Zuniga					√

Attest:


 Catherine Blue, Assistant Secretary