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*Via Facsimile and First Class Mail*

June 28, 2011

Lonny T. Powell, Director  
Arizona Department of Racing  
1110 W. Washington, #260  
Phoenix, AZ 85007

Dear Director Powell,

It has come to my attention that the scheduled racing card at Tucson Greyhound Park (TGP) was cancelled last night, June 27, after the fourth race due to extreme heat. According to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's National Weather Service, the observed temperature near the track at 6:53 PM was 107 degrees.<sup>1</sup>

Clearly, it was in the best interests of the greyhounds scheduled to participate in these races that the remainder of this card be cancelled. It also raises questions, however, about the process in which the Board of Stewards elects to cancel or not cancel races pursuant to Arizona Administrative Code, Title 19, Chapter 2.

Please provide clarification regarding the process used to make this determination, including a complete list of individuals who are consulted before such a decision is made.

Additionally, please note that further inclement weather is expected in the Tucson area. For example, the National Weather Service is currently forecasting a temperature of 107 degrees in Tucson at 6:00 PM tonight.<sup>2</sup> The Service has also issued a Heat Advisory for the area, indicating that a period of unusually hot temperatures is expected. You will find a copy of this Heat Advisory enclosed.

After reviewing this data, we are hopeful you will agree that tonight's card at TGP should also be cancelled, unless weather conditions improve significantly in the next few hours.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of this information. If I can be of further assistance to you in any way, contact me directly at 617-666-3526.

Sincerely,

Carey M. Theil  
Executive Director

cc: General Manager Tom Taylor, Tucson Greyhound Park

<sup>1</sup> National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's National Weather Service, observed temperature at Tucson International Airport for June 27, 2011 at 6:53 PM, on line at <http://www.wrh.noaa.gov/mesowest/getobext.php?wfo=twc&sid=KTUS&num=72> (last visited on June 28, 2011).

<sup>2</sup> National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's National Weather Service, Hourly Weather Forecast Graph for Tucson, Arizona on April 28, 2011, on line at <http://forecast.weather.gov/MapClick.php?CityName=South+Tucson&state=AZ&site=TW&textField1=32.1994&textField2=-110.968&e=0&FcstType=graphical> (last visited on June 28, 2011).

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