

**CASINO QUEEN INC.**

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**Response to Section 5.1 (Disclosure of Records) of the Riverboat Gambling Act**

**Section 5.1(a) 1 -**

The name, business address and business telephone number of any applicant or licensee.

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#### Section 5.1(a) 2 -

**An identification of any applicant or licensee including, if an applicant or licensee is not an individual, the state of incorporation or registration, the corporate officers, and the identity of all shareholders or participants. If an applicant or licensee has a pending registration statement filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission, only the names of those persons or entities holding interest of 5% or more must be provided.**

Casino Queen, Inc. organized December 30, 1991 as the Arch Paddleboat Company, a privately held Illinois Corporation and renamed: Casino Queen Inc., on January 28, 1993.

- I. Direct Ownership or Control
  - a. 100% Shareholder, organized October 2, 2012 as a privately held Delaware Corporation, qualified to do business in Illinois:  
CQ Holding Company, Inc.  
200 South Front Street  
East St. Louis, IL
  - b. Licensee's Management and Governance Structure
    - i. Casino Queen Inc.'s Board of Directors
      1. Robert Barrows
      2. Jeffrey Watson
      3. Douglas Bybee
    - ii. Casino Queen Inc.'s Officers
      1. President, Jeffrey Watson
      2. Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer, Robert Barrows
- II. Intermediary Entities/Ultimate Ownership
  - a. Intermediary-100% Shareholder, CQ Holding Company, Inc.
  - b. Ultimate Ownership-Casino Queen Employee Stock Ownership Plan and Trust  
The sole shareholder of CQ Holding Company, Inc. is a qualified retirement plan benefitting eligible Casino Queen employees.  
  
Trustees, Robert Barrows and Jeffrey Watson.

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**Section 5.1(a) 3 -**

An identification of any business, including, if applicable, the state of incorporation or registration, in which an applicant or licensee or an applicant's or licensee's spouse or children has an equity interest of more than 5%. If an applicant or licensee is a corporation, partnership or other business entity, the applicant or licensee shall identify any other corporation, partnership or business entity in which it has an equity interest of 5% or more, including, if applicable, the state of incorporation or registration. This information need not be provided by a corporation, partnership or other business entity that has a pending registration statement filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Not applicable.

The Licensee does not hold an equity interest of 5% or more for any corporation, partnership or business entity.

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**Section 5.1(a) 4 -**

Whether an applicant or licensee has been indicted, convicted, pleaded guilty or nolo contendere, or forfeited bail concerning any criminal offense under the laws of any jurisdiction, either felony or misdemeanor (except for traffic violations), including the date, the name and location of the court, arresting agency and prosecuting agency, the case number, the offense, the disposition and the location and length of incarceration.

The Licensee has not been arrested, detained, charged, indicted, pleaded guilty or nolo contendere, received supervision, conditional discharge or probation or forfeited bail concerning any criminal offense under the laws of any jurisdiction, either Felony or misdemeanor (except for traffic violations for which a sentence of imprisonment could not be imposed), including any arrest or disposition which has been expunged or sealed during the current period of licensure.

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**Section 5.1(a) 5 -**

Whether an applicant or licensee has had any license or certificate issued by a licensing authority in Illinois or any other jurisdiction denied, restricted, suspended, revoked or not renewed and a statement describing the facts and circumstances concerning the denial, restriction, suspension, revocation or non-renewal, including the licensing authority, the date each such action was taken, and the reason for each such action.

The Licensee has not had a license or certificate issued by a licensing authority in Illinois or any other jurisdiction denied, restricted, suspended, revoked or not renewed since its Owner's license was renewed in 2017.

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**Section 5.1(a) 6 -**

Whether an applicant or licensee has ever filed or had filed against it a proceeding in bankruptcy or has ever been involved in any formal process to adjust, defer, suspend or otherwise work out the payment of any debt including the date of filing, the name and location of the court, the case and number of the disposition.

The Licensee has not been involved in any formal process to adjust, defer, suspend or otherwise work out the payment of any debt, nor has the Licensee ever filed or had filed against it a proceeding in bankruptcy during the current period of licensure.

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**Section 5.1(a) 7 -**

Whether an applicant or licensee has filed, or been served with a complaint or other notice filed with any public body, regarding the delinquency in the payment of, or a dispute over the filings concerning the payment of, any tax required under federal, State or local law, including the amount, type of tax, the taxing agency and time periods involved.

No. Licensee has not been served with a public body filing regarding such payments.

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**Section 5.1(a) 8 -**

A statement listing the names and titles of all public officials or officers of any unit of government, and relatives of said public officials or officers who, directly or indirectly, own any financial interest in, have any beneficial interest in, are the creditors of or hold any debt instrument issued by, or hold or have any interest in any contractual or service relationship with, an applicant or licensee.

The majority of Casino Queen Inc.'s occupationally licensed eligible employees are indirectly beneficial owner's through the Casino Queen Employee Stock Ownership Plan, and Trust. Casino Queen Inc. is not aware of any of those employees holding public office but does not prohibit employees from holding public office. Please refer to the Casino Queen's individual Key Person's and Level One Licensees' responses to Section 5.1(a)(8) for any additional information.



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**Section 5.1(a) 9 -**

Whether an applicant or licensee has made, directly or indirectly, any political contribution, or any loans, donations or other payments, to any candidate or office holder, within 5 years from the date of the filing the application, including the amount and the method of payment.

Attached is a schedule detailing licensee's political donations/contributions for period of January 1, 2013 – December 31, 2017. The method of payment for these donations or contributions was business check.

Political Donations 2013-2017:

1/31/2013	\$500.00	COMMITTEE TO ELECT MARK KERN
2/13/2013	\$2,500.00	FRIENDS OF EDDIE LEE JACKSON
2/22/2013	\$100.00	CITIZENS FOR DELANEY
3/15/2013	\$300.00	LAWYERS' ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
3/29/2013	\$200.00	FRIENDS OF JENNIFER GOMRIC MINTON
4/5/2013	\$1,000.00	CITIZENS TO ELECT ALVIN PARKS JR.
4/10/2013	\$300.00	LAWYERS' ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
4/10/2013	\$500.00	BRANDON PHELPS FOR STATE REPRESENTATIVE
4/10/2013	\$500.00	CITIZENS FOR DARIN LAHOOD
4/10/2013	\$500.00	DOWNSTATE GOP
4/10/2013	\$500.00	MCCANN FOR SENATE
4/10/2013	\$500.00	FRIENDS OF WAYNE ROSENTHAL
4/10/2013	\$500.00	REPUBLICAN SENATE CAMPAIGN RECEPTION
5/2/2013	\$500.00	COMMITTEE TO ELECT CHARLES SUAREZ
4/30/2013	\$500.00	CITIZENS FOR CHRISTINE RADAGNO
5/8/2013	\$300.00	CITIZENS FOR KYLE MCCARTER
5/15/2013	\$1,000.00	FRIENDS OF CLAYBORNE
5/15/2013	\$500.00	FRIENDS OF JERRY COSTELLO II
6/14/2013	\$550.00	CITIZENS FOR RICHARD WATSON
8/5/2013	\$500.00	COMMITTEE TO ELECT JAY C. HOFFMAN
8/5/2013	\$525.00	THE 8205 CLUB
8/5/2013	\$705.00	FRIENDS OF JERRY COSTELLO II
8/5/2013	\$500.00	FRIENDS OF MIKE JACOBS
8/5/2013	\$500.00	CITIZENS FOR DURKIN
8/9/2013	\$475.00	SWANSEA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
8/19/2013	\$100.00	BELLEVILLE SISTER CITIES, INC.
8/29/2013	\$200.00	SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL
9/4/2013	\$1,400.00	FRIENDS OF EDDIE LEE JACKSON
9/4/2013	\$2,000.00	REPUBLICAN STATE SENATE CAMPAIGN
8/31/2013	\$2,250.00	CITIZENS FOR RICHARD WATSON
9/18/2013	\$500.00	CITIZENS FOR ECKERT COMMITTEE
9/30/2013	\$400.00	LAW ENFORCEMENT COORDINATING COMM

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1/13/2014	\$250.00	CITIZENS FOR C.D. DAVIDSMEYER
1/21/2014	\$2,500.00	FRIENDS OF EDDIE LEE JACKSON
1/21/2014	\$500.00	COMMITTEE TO ELECT MARK KERN
2/20/2014	\$500.00	FRIENDS OF JERRY COSTELLO II
2/20/2014	\$120.00	COMMITTEE TO ELECT TOM HOLBROOK
3/24/2014	\$1,500.00	COMMITTEE TO ELECT LATOYA GREENWOOD
3/25/2014	\$600.00	COMMITTEE TO ELECT CHARLES SUAREZ
3/25/2014	\$200.00	COMMITTEE TO ELECT SUSAN SARFATY
4/14/2014	\$1,000.00	ST. CLAIR COUNTY LAW DAY RUN
4/14/2014	\$500.00	FRIENDS OF JERRY COSTELLO II
4/14/2014	\$740.00	GREATER BELLEVILLE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
4/14/2014	\$550.00	GREATER BELLEVILLE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
4/22/2014	\$260.00	MILLSTADT COMMERCIAL CLUB
4/24/2014	\$1,500.00	FRIENDS OF EMEKA JACKSON-HICKS
5/5/2014	\$1,000.00	FRIENDS OF CLAYBORNE
5/5/2014	\$500.00	FRIENDS OF JENNIFER GOMRIC MINTON
5/5/2014	\$500.00	DOWNSTATE GOP
6/11/2014	\$1,000.00	FRIENDS OF ROBERT BOB RITA
6/11/2014	\$1,000.00	COMMITTEE TO ELECT JAY C. HOFFMAN
6/11/2014	\$550.00	CITIZENS FOR RICHARD WATSON
6/24/2014	\$250.00	BRANDON PHELPS FOR STATE REPRESENTATIVE
6/24/2014	\$1,000.00	COMMITTEE TO ELECT CHARLES SUAREZ
6/24/2014	\$1,000.00	FRIENDS OF EDDIE LEE JACKSON
6/30/2014	\$500.00	CITIZENS FOR SAM MCCANN
6/30/2014	\$500.00	CITIZENS FOR CHRIS NYBO
6/30/2014	\$500.00	CITIZENS FOR HAMMOND
7/15/2014	\$1,000.00	COMMITTEE TO ELECT HEINZ M. RUDOLF
7/15/2014	\$525.00	THE 8205 CLUB
8/5/2014	\$705.00	FRIENDS OF JERRY COSTELLO II
8/20/2014	\$400.00	METRO-EAST REGIONAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
8/20/2014	\$100.00	METRO-EAST REGIONAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
9/3/2014	\$1,500.00	CITIZENS FOR MOSLEY
9/9/2014	\$1,000.00	REP. ROBERT RITA
9/10/2014	\$100.00	RED, WHITE & BLUE IV GOLF CLASSIC
12/18/2014	\$2,113.10	EDDIE JACKSON TURKEY DRIVE
12/18/2014	\$26.41	EDDIE JACKSON TURKEY DRIVE

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1/7/2015	\$1,500.00	COMMITTEE TO ELECT LATOYA GREENWOOD
1/7/2015	\$250.00	CITIZENS FOR C.D. DAVIDSMEYER
1/27/2015	\$500.00	COMMITTEE TO ELECT MARK KERN
2/24/2015	\$500.00	COMMITTEE TO ELECT JOE W. LEWIS, JR.
3/13/2015	\$1,000.00	FRIENDS OF EDDIE LEE JACKSON
3/31/2015	\$2,500.00	CITIZENS TO ELECT ALVIN PARKS JR.
4/2/2015	\$600.00	CHARLES SUAREZ GOLF TOURNAMENT
4/23/2015	\$600.00	DEMOCRATIC MAJORITY
4/29/2015	\$550.00	CITIZENS FOR RICHARD WATSON
5/4/2015	\$500.00	CITIZENS FOR BRENDAN KELLY
5/14/2015	\$1,000.00	FRIENDS OF CLAYBORNE
5/18/2015	\$200.00	FRIENDS OF EMEKA JACKSON-HICKS
5/27/2015	\$400.00	FRIENDS OF JERRY COSTELLO II
6/3/2015	\$500.00	CITIZENS FOR DALE A. RIGHTER
6/3/2015	\$500.00	GARY FORBY CAMPAIGN FUND
6/3/2015	\$275.00	CITIZENS FOR C.D. DAVIDSMEYER
6/3/2015	\$250.00	BRANDON PHELPS FOR STATE REPRESENTATIVE
6/8/2015	\$1,000.00	FRIENDS OF ROBERT "BOB" RITA
6/10/2015	\$1,000.00	COMMITTEE TO ELECT JAY C. HOFFMAN
7/22/2015	\$475.00	METRO-EAST REGIONAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
8/11/2015	\$200.00	FRIENDS OF RICK STONE
8/21/2015	\$705.00	FRIENDS OF JERRY COSTELLO II
9/11/2015	\$400.00	LAW ENFORCEMENT COORDINATING COMM
9/11/2015	\$600.00	CITIZENS FOR ECKERT COMMITTEE
9/16/2015	\$1,000.00	FRIENDS OF EDDIE LEE JACKSON
9/25/2015	\$250.00	GARY FORBY CAMPAIGN FUND
2/2/2016	\$500.00	COMMITTEE TO ELECT MARK KERN
2/4/2016	\$1,000.00	FRIENDS OF EDDIE JACKSON
2/24/2016	\$500.00	CLAY FOR CIRCUIT CLERK
4/26/2016	\$50.00	MILLSTADT COMMERCIAL CLUB
4/26/2016	\$1,000.00	FRIENDS OF EMEKA JACKSON-HICKS
4/28/2016	\$1,000.00	CITIZENS TO ELECT JAY HOFFMAN
4/29/2016	\$500.00	FRIENDS OF TERRY LINK
5/6/2016	\$1,000.00	FRIENDS OF CLAYBORNE
5/16/2016	\$1,000.00	CITIZENS TO ELECT JAY HOFFMAN
5/25/2016	\$250.00	BRANDON PHELPS FOR STATE REPRESENTATIVE
6/8/2016	\$250.00	CITIZENS FOR JIL TRACY
6/8/2016	\$250.00	GARY FORBY CAMPAIGN FUND
6/8/2016	\$250.00	FRIENDS OF ANGELA GROSSMAN-ROEWE
6/28/2016	\$150.00	CITIZENS FOR HAMMOND
6/29/2016	\$600.00	CITIZENS FOR ECKERT COMMITTEE
8/29/2016	\$500.00	CITIZENS FOR BRENDAN KELLY
10/4/2016	\$1,000.00	COMMITTEE TO ELECT JOHN BARICEVIC
10/11/2016	\$1,000.00	CLAY FOR CIRCUIT CLERK
10/20/2016	\$1,500.00	FRIENDS OF ROBERT EASTERN III
9/20/2016	\$1,000.00	COMMITTEE TO ELECT JAY C. HOFFMAN
6/8/2016	\$450.00	CITIZENS FOR DALE A. RIGHTER
6/8/2016	\$550.00	CITIZENS FOR RICHARD WATSON
8/17/2016	\$705.00	FRIENDS OF JERRY COSTELLO II

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1/16/2017	\$500.00	COMMITTEE TO ELECT MARK KERN
2/17/2017	\$1,500.00	CITIZENS FOR MOSLEY
2/28/2017	\$200.00	SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL
3/1/2017	\$250.00	ILLINOIS LEGISLATIVE SPORTSMEN'S CAUCUS
3/8/2017	\$1,500.00	FRIENDS OF ROBERT EASTERN III
3/13/2017	\$500.00	FRIENDS TO ELECT LONZO GREENWOOD
3/17/2017	\$500.00	CITIZENS FOR ECKERT COMMITTEE
3/17/2017	\$1,500.00	RE-ELECT HUNE HAMILTON DEAN
4/7/2017	\$1,000.00	FRIENDS OF ANDY MANAR
5/2/2017	\$1,000.00	FRIENDS OF CLAYBORNE
6/15/2017	\$250.00	BRANDON PHELPS FOR STATE REPRESENTATIVE
6/15/2017	\$550.00	CITIZENS FOR RICHARD WATSON
6/15/2017	\$1,000.00	COMMITTEE TO ELECT JAY C. HOFFMAN
6/15/2017	\$1,000.00	FRIENDS OF ROBERT "BOB" RITA
6/30/2017	\$250.00	FRIENDS OF ROBERT ALLEN JR
7/12/2017	\$500.00	COMMITTEE TO ELECT TOM HOLBROOK
7/13/2017	\$705.00	FRIENDS OF JERRY COSTELLO II
8/15/2017	\$400.00	THE 8205 CLUB
8/17/2017	\$450.00	CITIZENS TO ELECT DALE RIGHTER
8/23/2017	\$1,000.00	FRIENDS OF ANDY MANAR
9/19/2017	\$500.00	FRIENDS OF JENNIFER GOMRIC MINTON
9/19/2017	\$1,000.00	RSSCC

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**Section 5.1(a) 10 -**

The name and business telephone number of the counsel representing an applicant or licensee in matters before the Board.

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### Section 5.1(a) 11 -

A description of any proposed or approved riverboat gaming operation, including the type of boat, home dock location, expected economic benefit to the community, anticipated or actual number of employees, any statement from an applicant or licensee regarding compliance with federal and State affirmative action guidelines, projected or actual admissions and projected or actual adjusted gross receipts.

#### **DESCRIPTION OF APPROVED RIVERBOAT GAMING OPERATION:**

Casino Queen's gaming operation sits on approximately 70 acres and consists of a 207,500 square foot moated facility which contains a single level 40,000 square foot casino featuring 26 table games and 1058 slot & video poker machines, four (4) restaurants, including Prime, a gourmet steakhouse; Sevens, a nightclub/sports bar; the Market Street Buffet and Deli n' Chips, a delicatessen. Other amenities include a players club, administrative offices, service bars and back of house operations. In addition to its casino building, Casino Queen operates a hotel and a RV Park.

Casino Queen's gaming operation is located in East St. Louis, St. Clair County, Illinois directly across from the Gateway Arch and downtown St. Louis.

With spectacular views of the St. Louis skyline, Casino Queen's hotel features, 157 guest rooms including 7 penthouse suites, 10 Spa King Rooms and 90 rooms overlooking the Gateway Arch and downtown St. Louis. Other hotel amenities include a grand ballroom, a hospitality room, conference space, a board room, an indoor, environmentally controlled swimming pool, and work out facilities.

Casino Queen's RV Park and Mini-Mart has 140 individual slips with deluxe hook-ups (satellite TV, telephone, electrical, water & sewer), a full service convenient mart, laundry and bath house, playground, picnic area and 24-hour security.

#### **ECONOMIC BENEFIT TO THE STATE AND ITS HOST COMMUNITY:**

Since opening its doors in June 1993, the Board of Directors, Management and Staff of Casino Queen have kept in mind that the intent of the Riverboat Gambling Act was to promote economic development in depressed areas and foster tourism for the State of Illinois, and its host community, the City of East St. Louis. With this in mind, each capital expansion plan, marketing plan and or program implemented by the Company has been designed to assure adherence to the economic development and tourism requirements of the Act.

Casino Queen recognizes its responsibility as the cornerstone of economic revival in East St. Louis. Beginning with Casino Queen's initial \$42 million dollar investment in its property, Casino Queen has made significant capital investments to its facilities including a \$96 million state-of-the-art gaming facility, a \$15 million 157 room hotel (the first hotel built in East St. Louis in 40 years), a \$4.6 million RV Park, and a \$2.15 million nightclub/sports bar known as Sevens. Casino Queen has invested over \$200 million in capital improvement projects from 1994 through 2017. These capital improvement projects have brought jobs and

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economic opportunity to local business demonstrating Casino Queen's commitment to revitalize this once economically deprived community.

Casino Queen's commitment to capital improvement projects allows it to maintain a viable gaming operation. Coupled with easy access from three bridges, surrounding interstates and light rail public transportation, Casino Queen is a vital entertainment destination for the St. Louis Metropolitan area. Casino Queen's property is uniquely situated to promote tourism because of its close proximity to the Gateway Arch, the St. Louis Zoo, Union Station, Busch Stadium, the Scott Trade Center, the St. Louis Convention Center, the Edward Jones Dome, Gateway International Speedway and the National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows.

Casino Queen's marketing and sales departments developed numerous programs during the year which were designed to capture out-of-state revenue for its gaming operation. Such efforts include hotel packages with affiliated metropolitan hotels, various on-site attractions and other sporting events. Both national and regional motor coach programs are in place and continue to produce tourism for the City of East St. Louis and the State of Illinois.

In recognition of the importance of its commitment to enhancing tourism in its host market, Casino Queen Inc. is a member of the Tourism Bureau of Southwestern Illinois. The Bureau promotes entertainment destinations and attractions throughout Southwestern Illinois.

In December 2012, pursuant to IGB approval, Casino Queen's shareholders sold all ownership of the Company to CQ Holding Company, Inc. 100% of CQ Holding Company, Inc. is held for the benefit employees through the Casino Queen Employee Stock Ownership Plan (the "ESOP"). Casino Queen is believed to be the first and only casino in the Country of its type.

The ESOP is a retirement plan that allows employees to benefit economically from the success of the Company. As the Casino Queen succeeds, hundreds of local employees will enjoy their share of the success and benefit the local economy.

Lastly, Casino Queen economically benefits the City of East St. Louis by generating over \$6 million this year in local gaming taxes. The city has used this revenue to bolster its general fund, provide services to its citizens, fund police and fire services and public works projects.

#### **NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES:**

As of December 31, 2017, Casino Queen employed approximately 556 employees.

#### **COMPLIANCE WITH FEDERAL AND STATE AFFIRMATIVE ACTION GUIDELINES:**

Casino Queen complies with all applicable federal and state affirmative action guidelines and it is an equal opportunity employer. Casino Queen has developed an affirmative action plan and a social investment strategy that includes an employee based diversity plan, a community outreach plan and an employee education plan. The General Manager is aware of the commitment made

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by the Casino Queen Board of Directors to the City of East St. Louis, and specifically residents from the City of East St. Louis. These statistics are reviewed regularly by Human Resources Management to ensure that all recruiting standards are maintained.

Casino Queen's work force is diverse in both gender and ethnicity with over 70% of its employees being female and/or ethnic minority. As of December 31, 2017 Casino Queen employed 556 individuals comprised of over 53% ethnic minorities and over 48% females.

#### **ADMISSIONS AND ADJUSTED GROSS RECEIPTS:**

Casino Queen's 2017 Admissions totaled 1,077,190 and its Adjusted Gross Receipts totaled \$102,068,394.



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**Section 5.1(a) 12 -**

A description of the product or service to be supplied by an applicant for a supplier's license.

Not applicable.