



**ATTORNEY GENERAL STRANGE STATEMENT IN RESPONSE TO
11th U.S. CIRCUIT COURT OF APPEALS RULING IN ALABAMA v.
PCI GAMING AUTHORITY**

(MONTGOMERY) – Attorney General Luther Strange issued the following statement today in response to the 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals decision affirming the district court’s decision in the case of State of Alabama v. PCI Gaming Authority.

“From the beginning it has been my goal to settle the question of the legality of gambling at Indian-run casinos in Alabama once and for all. The 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals has upheld the district court’s opinion that the United States is the only government that can enforce state and federal gambling laws on the PCI’s lands. While I do not agree with the Appeals Court’s decision, it provides certainty and guidance to state officials where there was none before. The Appeals Court’s decision makes it clear that the only way for the State of Alabama to regulate the gambling conducted on the PCI’s lands is to enter into a compact with the PCI. That is a decision for the Governor and Legislature, not me. After thoroughly reviewing the decision, I do not intend to petition for review in the United States Supreme Court.”

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