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This is the official website for the Full Tilt Poker Claims Administration, as authorized by the United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York. This administration is the result of the settlement agreement and resulting forfeitures resolving the allegations in the amended civil forfeiture complaint in *United States v. PokerStars, et al.*, 11 Civ. 2564 (LBS), pending in the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York. The Garden City Group, Inc. ("GCG") was retained by the United States to serve as the Claims Administrator of the forfeited funds.

INFORMATION REGARDING THE NEXT ROUND OF PAYMENTS

On September 25, 2014, GCG issued nearly 600 payments totaling approximately \$1.8 million to Petitioners who submitted complete, timely or late Petitions confirming their FTP Account Balance. Please note that while many Petitioners will receive their ACH on the same day that it was issued, depending on the practices of the Petitioner's bank, the ACH may not be received for several business days.

Reminder for certain Petitioners who were not included in this round of payments:

- If you received a notice that your bank account information is incorrect or incomplete, please update your account information online by <u>October 16</u>.
- If you received a notice because you have a debt qualifying for collection through the <u>Treasury Offset Program</u>, please send your completed Unified Financial Management System Vendor Request Form to GCG as soon as possible.

Please continue to check this website for information regarding the next round of payments to approved Petitioners.

Updated 9/25/14

INFORMATION NOTICE REGARDING UPCOMING PAYMENTS

GCG has been informed that the Department of Justice Asset Forfeiture and Money Laundering Section has approved a new round of payments. This distribution will include approximately 600 Petitions totaling \$2 million submitted by Petitioners with complete Petitions, who confirmed their FTP Account Balances. GCG is currently working with the bank selected by the DOJ to set up the payment process. GCG expects to issue payments via ACH before the end of September 2014 and will post further updates on the payment process as they become available.

As part of the process of preparing this next round of payments, shortly before payments are issued, Petitioners who are approved to receive payment may notice a zero-dollar transaction in their bank account statement that relates to the Full Tilt Poker Claims Administration. Please be aware that this is a normal part of the bank testing process in preparation for payment of ACHs. However, not all banks post these notices during the testing process, so do not be concerned if you do not receive such a notice and believe you are eligible to receive payment in the upcoming distribution.

Please be advised that there are Petitioners who are eligible for payment in the upcoming round of payments, but who have a delinquent debt qualifying for

collection through the <u>Treasury Offset Program</u>. Payments for these Petitioners will be reduced in order to satisfy their debt in part or in whole. A notice will be sent to these Petitioners in the upcoming weeks and will include a Unified Financial Management System Vendor Request Form, which must be completed by the Petitioner in order to receive the balance of his or her payment. Please note that Petitioners who were previously approved for payment and were notified that they had a delinquent debt qualifying for collection through the Treasury Offset Program, but who still have not returned a completed form will not receive payment until a completed form is submitted.

Please continue to check this website for updates regarding the payment process and this administration.

Updated 9/10/14

NOTICE OF FINAL FILING DEADLINE FOR ALL PETITIONERS

Please note that the <u>final deadline</u> for all petitioners - including Affiliates and Prosto file a Petition for Remission is <u>September 3, 2014</u>. If you previously received an email Notice, please be sure to use the logon credentials provided in the Notice when you begin the Petition process.

Please be advised that after September 3, the filing portion of this website will no longer be available and Petitions will no longer be accepted. If you have any questions concerning your Petition or how to file, please contact us.

Updated 8/8/14

NOTICE TO PROFESSIONAL PLAYERS OF FULL TILT POKER

It has been determined that players designated by Full Tilt Poker ("FTP") as "professionals", other than Team Full Tilt Players, will be able to submit Petitions for Remission to recover the portion of their account balance that is not attributable to compensation provided by FTP or Affiliate revenue. If you are a professional player, you will be able to submit a Petition for the portion of your account balance that relates to poker transactions, as long as you meet the eligibility criteria.

On August 4, 2014, GCG sent Notices to certain Petitioners who were identified as professional players by FTP. The Notices provided information and instructions for participating in the Petition process. If you received an email Notice, please be sure to use the logon credentials provided in the Notice when you begin the Petition process.

The deadline for professional players to submit a Petition for Remission is September 3, 2014.

Please note that the FAQs were recently updated with additional information. Please click here to view the new FAQs.

Updated 8/4/14

INFORMATION REGARDING THE NEXT ROUND OF PAYMENTS

On June 12, 2014, GCG issued more than 3,200 payments totaling approximately \$14 million to Petitioners who submitted complete, timely or late Petitions confirming their FTP Account Balance. Also included in this round of payments were Affiliates who submitted Petitions confirming their FTP Account Balances. Please note that while many Petitioners will receive their ACH on the same day that

it was issued, depending on the practices of the Petitioner's bank, the ACH may not be received for several business days.

Reminders for certain Petitioners who were not included in this round of payments:

- If you received a notice that your bank account information is incorrect or incomplete, please update your account information online by <u>June 25</u>.
- If you received a notice because you have a debt qualifying for collection through the <u>Treasury Offset Program</u>, please send your completed Unified Financial Management System Vendor Request Form to GCG by <u>July 5</u>.

Please continue to check this website for information regarding the next round of payments to approved Petitioners.

Updated 6/12/14

NOTICE REGARDING UPCOMING PAYMENTS AND BANK ACCOUNT INFORMATION

As part of the normal bank account testing conducted prior to issuing ACH payments (as further described below), GCG has identified certain Petitioners who are approved for payment but who submitted account information that was either incomplete or incorrect. On June 6, 2014, GCG sent emails to all such Petitioners with instructions as to how to update their bank account information through the online filing site. Please note that if we do not receive updated, complete and accurate information by June 25, 2014, a check will be sent to the mailing address provided with the Petition. Petitioners who were approved for payment but who submitted incomplete or inaccurate bank information will receive payment in a subsequent distribution. If any such Petitioners have questions about this process, please contact us.

All other Petitioners who have been approved for payment in the upcoming distribution and whose bank account information has passed the preliminary testing process will be sent an email notice in the next couple of days with the amount of their payment. The next round of payments is scheduled to be issued on Thursday, June 12.

Updated 6/10/14

IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING UPCOMING PAYMENTS

GCG has been informed that the Department of Justice Asset Forfeiture and Money Laundering Section has approved a new round of payments. This distribution will include approximately 3,500 payments totaling \$15 million to Petitioners who submitted complete, timely or late Petitions confirming their FTP Account Balance. Also included in this round of payments are Affiliates who submitted Petitions confirming their FTP Account Balances. GCG expects to issue these payments in the middle of June 2014 and will post further updates on the payment process as they become available.

As part of the process of preparing this next round of payments, shortly before payments are issued, Petitioners who are approved to receive payment may notice a zero-dollar transaction in their bank account statement that relates to the Full Tilt Poker Claims Administration. Please be aware that this is a normal part of the bank testing process in preparation for payment of ACHs. However, not all banks post these notices during the testing process, so do not be concerned if you do not receive such a notice and believe you are eligible to receive payment in the upcoming distribution.

Please be advised that there are Petitioners who are eligible for payment in the upcoming round of payments, but who have a delinquent debt qualifying for collection through the <u>Treasury Offset Program</u>. Payments for these Petitioners will

be reduced in order to satisfy their debt in part or in whole. A notice will be sent to these Petitioners in the upcoming weeks and will include a Unified Financial Management System Vendor Request Form, which must be completed by the Petitioner in order to receive the balance of his or her payment. Please note that Petitioners who were previously approved for payment and were notified that they had a delinquent debt qualifying for collection through the Treasury Offset Program, but who still have not returned a completed form will not receive payment until a completed form is submitted.

Please continue to check this website for updates regarding the payment process and this administration.

Updated 5/28/14

CLARIFICATION CONCERNING RECENT PAYMENTS & PETITIONERS TO BE INCLUDED IN THE SECOND REVIEW PROCESS

Please be advised that the April 1, 2014 payments were part of the first payment wave, and were issued to Petitioners approved by the Government in January 2014. These approved Petitioners timely confirmed their FTP Account Balance, but included incorrect banking information identified during the bank testing and payment process. These Petitioners previously received an email notification informing them that their Petition was approved. Petitioners who were identified by FTP as pros and/or Affiliates, or who submitted multiple, new, or disputed Petitions have not yet been approved or received payment.

We anticipate an additional distribution will occur by the end of May to approximately 1,000 Petitioners who confirmed their balance prior to the deadline and did not file duplicate petitions. These Petitions were previously reviewed by the Government, but not yet approved for remission due to obviously incorrect or incomplete information. Petitioners in this category who subsequently updated their information will be forwarded to the Government for approval in the coming weeks. An email notification informing these Petitioners of their remission approval will be sent shortly before the payments are issued.

GCG is also preparing to submit the next round of Petitions to the Department of Justice for review and approval. This group will likely include late confirming Petitions, Petitioners who originally submitted multiple Petitions but later withdrew their duplicative Petition, Petitioners who withdrew a dispute regarding their account balance, Affiliates who confirmed their balance and Petitioners who confirmed their account balance and recently updated their bank account information. Payments for this group are expected to be issued by the end of July.

GCG continues to work with the Department of Justice to evaluate disputed and new Petitions, the eligibility of Pros, and timelines for the remainder of the distributions.

Please continue to check this website for information regarding future payments to approved Petitioners.

Updated 4/16/14

NOTICE TO PETITIONERS WHO WERE APPROVED IN THE FIRST ROUND OF PAYMENTS

On April 1, GCG issued approximately 2,200 payments totaling approximately \$5 million to Petitioners who timely confirmed their FTP Account Balances online and who were approved for payment in the first round of distributions, but who needed to correct their banking information. Please note that if any such Petitioners did not properly update their bank account information, they will be sent a check to the mailing address on record.

As a reminder, if you received a notice because you have a debt qualifying for collection through the <u>Treasury Offset Program</u>, please send your completed Unified Financial Management System Vendor Request Form to GCG as soon as possible.

Updated 4/1/14

MORE THAN 27,500 PAYMENTS TOTALING APPROXIMATELY \$76 MILLION WERE ISSUED ON FEBRUARY 28

On February 28, 2014, GCG issued more than 27,500 payments totaling approximately \$76 million to Petitioners who timely confirmed their FTP Account Balances online. Please note that while many Petitioners will receive their ACH on the same day that it was issued, depending on the practices of the Petitioner's bank, the ACH may not be received for several business days.

Reminders for certain Petitioners who are not included in the first round of payments:

- The deadline for Affiliates to submit a Petition for Remission was Sunday, March 2.
- If you received a notice because you have a debt qualifying for collection through the <u>Treasury Offset Program</u>, please send your completed Unified Financial Management System Vendor Request Form to GCG as soon as possible.
- If you received a notice that your bank account information is incorrect or incomplete, you should have updated your account information online by <u>March 13</u>.

Please continue to check this website for information regarding the next round of payments to approved Petitioners.

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