

September 25, 2006

The Honorable Timothy M. Kaine
Governor
Commonwealth of Virginia
Patrick Henry Building, 3rd floor
Richmond, VA 23219

Dear Governor Kaine:

I am pleased to provide our report of monthly activities and financial update for the month of August 2006, as required in Section 58.1-4006 of the *Code of Virginia*.

Sales for the month of August 2006 totaled nearly \$105.6 million, an increase of \$6.4 million (+6%) over last month, but a decline of \$10.9 million (-9%) compared to August 2005. For the year to date, sales totaled \$204.8 million, which was \$23.3 million (-10.2%) less than the same period last year. August net income totaled \$31.2 million, for year to date earnings of \$63.4 million, down \$2.4 million (-4%) compared to the same period last year.

There will be no comparative data for actual versus forecast sales and net income until we complete the Lottery's revised revenue forecast in conjunction with the statewide revenue forecasting process this fall. The reforecast will include a more updated estimate of the impact of the new North Carolina lottery. While an initial estimate was included when the forecast was revised last fall, a revision to forecasted Virginia Lottery sales will be necessary to better reflect the known launch of product offerings by North Carolina.

Fiscal Year 2007 has begun with declining sales, as anticipated when comparing Virginia Lottery sales pre- and post-launch of the North Carolina Education Lottery. It should be anticipated that the Virginia Lottery will continue to creatively address the challenge created by this new competition.

Please let me know if you have any questions or if you would like more information.

Very truly yours,

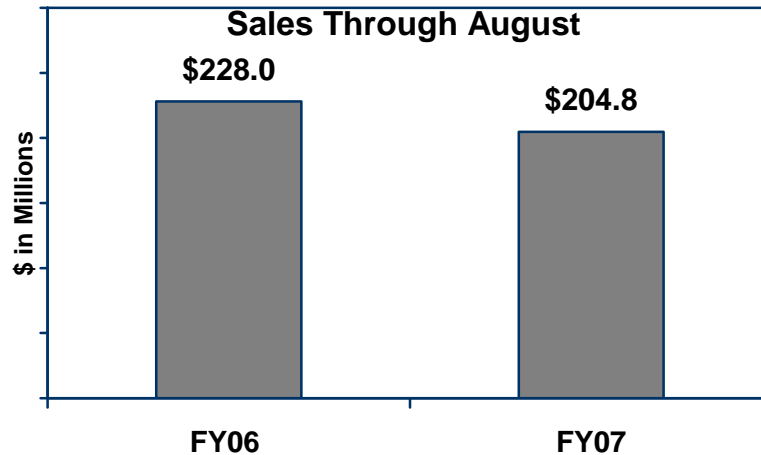
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The Honorable Vincent F. Callahan, Jr., Chairman – House Appropriations
Committee
The Honorable Harry R. Purkey, Acting Chairman – House Finance
Committee
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The Honorable Jody M. Wagner, Secretary of Finance
Mr. Richard D. Brown, Director – Department of Planning & Budget
Mr. David A. Von Moll, State Comptroller
Ms. Elizabeth B. Daley, Staff Director – Senate Finance Committee
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VIRGINIA LOTTERY
Report to the Governor and
Selected Members of
the General Assembly
September 25, 2006

Sales

Lottery sales for the fiscal year through August 2006 were \$204.8 million, which was \$23.3 million (-10.2%) less than during the same period last year. Sales declined across all product categories, with the largest decline in Jackpot sales, down \$13.9 million (-37.6%) due to lower advertised jackpots because of more frequent jackpot wins. Daily games (Pick 3, Pick 4, and Cash 5) sales were down \$4.6 million (-6.0%) compared to last year, with lower prize expenses due to the luck of the draw affecting product sales. Scratcher sales declined \$4.8 million (-4.1%) compared to last year as a result of the competition from North Carolina.



Expenses

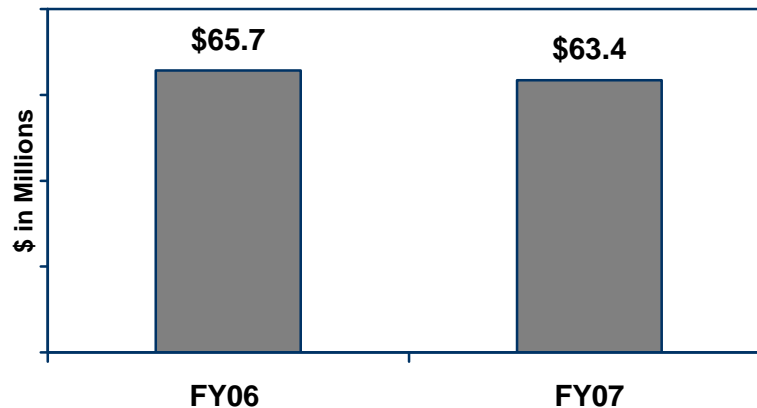
The overall prize expense rate (prize expense as a percent of sales) of 58.5% was 2.1% less than last year. The scratcher prize rate increased 0.4% to 66.0%, and the daily games prize rate of 50.5% was on target with statistical expectations, and 5.9% lower than last year's unusually high rate.

With the overall sales decrease, retailers earned nearly \$0.9 million less than last year. Administrative operating costs were \$1.5 million less than during the same period last year.

Net Income

The 10.2% sales decline was offset somewhat by lower prize and operating expenses, resulting in net income through August of \$63.4 million, down \$2.4 million (-3.6%) compared to last year at this point.

Net Income Through August



CONTRIBUTIONS TO DEBT SETOFF & LITERARY FUND

Pursuant to the Setoff Debt Collection Act, the Lottery made payments to the Department of Taxation totaling \$201,583 in August, bringing the year-to-date total to \$258,887. Also, the Lottery transferred unclaimed prizes of \$915,234 in August, or \$1,806,034 for the year.

MEETINGS

The State Lottery Board will hold a regularly scheduled business meeting on Wednesday October 18, 2006, in Richmond. The Board will review financial results, planned promotional events, and upcoming games as part of their regular business.

The Retailer Advisory Council will meet in Richmond on October 25, 2006. The Council is comprised of Lottery retailers, and members periodically meet to discuss retailer issues, upcoming products, and overall Lottery issues.

NORTH CAROLINA LOTTERY UPDATE

As announced, the North Carolina Education Lottery (NCEL) began selling scratch tickets on March 30, 2006, and the multi-state jackpot game Powerball tickets on May 30, 2006. The NCEL also announced plans to begin offering daily Carolina Pick 3 and Carolina Cash 5 games in October, with drawings to be conducted seven days a week. The table below shows the localities most impacted by the North Carolina Education Lottery based on the period of July 1st, 2006 through September 15th, 2006, the five counties on the North Carolina border with the greatest percentage sales loss versus the same period in the prior year are:

Total Change	City or County	Total \$ Change
-48%	Carroll	-1,309,879
-33%	Greenville	-\$593,593
-29%	Henry	-\$944,997
-28%	Mecklenburg	-\$1,330,982
-19%	Patrick	-\$90,301