### **Exhibit VIII. B.3.b Local Business Impact**

#### Impact on Gaming Industry (Mid Scenario)

Within the Binghamton MSA, the only available gaming option is nearby Tioga Downs, which currently draws approximately 824,000 visitors from the local market to gamble at the facility. Based on our calibration model, which projects current visitation estimates to 2016, the total number of visitors to Tioga Downs is estimated to grow to about 827,000 visitors, an annual growth of only 0.1%. With the introduction of Traditions, however, total casino visitation within the Binghamton MSA is projected to grow to over 1.8 million visitors, an increase of 119%. Gaming revenue from these visits is expected to increase even more dramatically, growing from \$62 million without traditions, to nearly \$146 million with Traditions in the market, a growth of over 135%.

**Total Binghamton MSA Visitation Summarized** 

|                                     | Total<br>Visits | Total Gaming<br>Revenue |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------|-------------------------|
| 2013 Base                           | 823,657         | \$59,188,435            |
| 2016 Calibration without Traditions | 826,639         | \$61,883,876            |
| 2016 Projection with Traditions     | 1,810,833       | \$145,701,101           |

Source: The Innovation Group

Since Tioga Downs currently does not have a hotel, we have assumed that the vast majority of their gaming visitation is derived from the local market, and have no need to further analyze visitation from tourists and other sources. Although Tioga Downs will feel some impact from the introduction of Traditions, the overall market will significantly expand and, after stabilization, we feel that Tioga Downs will recover as is the case with other markets we've studied across the nation.

### Impact on Hotel Industry (Mid Scenario)

As is the case with other casinos with a significant hotel offering, Traditions will have an active casino marketing program. As such, a large percentage of casino guests, generally around 60%, are casino guests who primarily visit the facility to gamble within the casino. The remaining 40% reflects ambient tourists that visit the area for other leisure or business reasons.

Based on this estimation, and occupancy projections derived in the Tech Memo provided by The Innovation Group, the hotel facility at Traditions offers a Room Night Demand ("RND") of 21,316 in year 3 outside of casino guests, which are primarily made up of additional tourists drawn to the region by the casino. The table below summarizes this calculation.

**Traditions Hotel Room Night Demand** 

|               | 2016   | 2017   | 2018   | 2019   | 2020   |
|---------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| # of Rooms    | 41     | 41     | 200    | 200    | 200    |
| Occupancy     | 100.0% | 100.0% | 73.0%  | 75.5%  | 77.5%  |
| RND           | 14,965 | 14,965 | 53,290 | 55,115 | 56,575 |
| Casino RND    | 8,979  | 8,979  | 31,974 | 33,069 | 33,945 |
| Remaining RND | 5,986  | 5,986  | 21,316 | 22,046 | 22,630 |

Source: The Innovation Group

While occupancy at the Traditions hotel is projected to be approximately 75% during the stabilized years of operation, occupancy will likely be much higher during peak seasons and days such as weekends and holidays. During these times of the year, occupancy will likely reach 100%, and guests will look for other accommodations, providing growth to the surrounding hotel businesses in the Binghamton area. Based on this factor, occupancy is not expected to significantly change with the expansion of the Traditions hotel, as tourism will outgrow the additional hotel offering providing organic growth to the existing market.

**Ambient Market Hotel Occupancy** 

|            | 2016    | 2017    | 2018    | 2019    |  |  |  |
|------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|--|--|--|
| # of Rooms | 2,443   | 2,443   | 2,443   | 2,602   |  |  |  |
| Occupancy  | 53%     | 56%     | 58%     | 61%     |  |  |  |
| Total RND  | 469,032 | 499,349 | 517,183 | 579,335 |  |  |  |

Source: The Innovation Group; STR

Based on these estimates, the remaining RND from the Traditions Hotel represents only 1.2% of Total RND. Excluding RND generated by the hotel expansion, total RND in the region is expected to grow by 3.6%. This growth rate shows that RND in the Binghamton area is projected to grow by a higher rate than the percentage captured by traditions showing that the surrounding hotel industry will experience positive growth after the expansion of the Traditions facility.

## Impact on Food and Beverage Industry (Mid Scenario)

As part of the expanded facility, the Traditions Casino is expected to provide an assortment of food and beverage outlets for guests to the property. As part of the Innovation Group's recommendation, Tradition's proposed offering should include a buffet, gourmet steakhouse, 24-hour café, sports bar, and a quick service "food court" venue. The tables below provide the advised breakdown of the seating capacity and meal periods for each outlet.

**Recommended F&B Offering** 

| Restaurant       | <b>Seating Capacity</b> |
|------------------|-------------------------|
| Gourmet Steak    | 80                      |
| 24-Hour Café     | 120                     |
| Sports Bar       | 150                     |
| Buffet           | 200                     |
| QSR (Food Court) | 70-100                  |

Source: The Innovation Group

#### **Restaurant Meal Period operations**

|                  | Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner | Late-Night |
|------------------|-----------|-------|--------|------------|
| Gourmet Steak    |           |       | Х      |            |
| 24-Hour Café     | Χ         | Χ     | Χ      | Χ          |
| Sports Bar       |           | Χ     | Χ      | Χ          |
| Buffet           | Χ         | Χ     | Χ      |            |
| QSR (Food Court) | Χ         | Χ     | Χ      |            |

Source: The Innovation Group

Based on the proposed offering, the traditions facility will provide approximately 635 seats across its five venues. These seats create an annual capacity of nearly 4,000 covers, with each cover representing a guest eating within the Traditions facility. The following table summarizes this calculation.

**Total Restaurant Covers – Traditions** 

| Restaurant       | Seating<br>Capacity | Meal<br>Periods | Meals per<br>Period | Covers |
|------------------|---------------------|-----------------|---------------------|--------|
| Gourmet Steak    | 80                  | 2               | 1                   | 160    |
| 24-Hour Café     | 120                 | 4               | 2                   | 960    |
| Sports Bar       | 150                 | 3               | 2                   | 900    |
| Buffet           | 200                 | 3               | 2                   | 1,200  |
| QSR (Food Court) | 85                  | 3               | 3                   | 765    |
| Total            | 635                 |                 |                     | 3,985  |

Source: The Innovation

Group

These 4,000 daily covers equate to an annual capacity of nearly 1.5 million covers. As is the case with most hotels, the majority of hotel guests will likely eat within the Traditions facility, due to close proximity to the hotel and other casino amenities. As such, The Innovation Group has estimated that two out of three of hotel guests' meals will be captured by the Traditions facility.

| Hotel F&B Demand       |        |        |         |         |         |
|------------------------|--------|--------|---------|---------|---------|
|                        | 2016   | 2017   | 2018    | 2019    | 2020    |
| # of Rooms             | 41     | 41     | 200     | 200     | 200     |
| Occupancy              | 100.0% | 100.0% | 73.0%   | 75.5%   | 77.5%   |
| Guests per Room        | 1.5    | 1.5    | 1.5     | 1.5     | 1.5     |
| # of Guests            | 22,448 | 22,448 | 79,935  | 82,673  | 84,863  |
| Meals per Guest        | 3      | 3      | 3       | 3       | 3       |
| Percent eating @ Hotel | 67%    | 67%    | 67%     | 67%     | 67%     |
| Hotel F&B Demand       | 44,895 | 44,895 | 159,870 | 165,345 | 169,725 |

Source: The Innovation Group

This leaves nearly 1.3 million available covers with the Traditions facility to be filled by ambient tourists and the local population. Numerous studies have shown that the US population eats out approximately 5 times per week. Based on this statistic, and the forecasted 2019 population of 222,371 people in the Binghamton area, the local population will demand nearly 58 million covers to the local market area. With the remaining capacity estimating calculated earlier, this estimation shows that only 2.2% of the demand will be captured by the Traditions facility.

Note, these estimates assume that all meal periods will be completely packed, with no empty seats at any point in the day. While this is not reasonable, it does provide an overly conservative estimate of the impact that will be felt by the surrounding area. When assuming only 60% occupancy within the food and beverage venues, a much more realistic estimate, the leftover demand not satisfied by the hotel reduces to only 1.1% of projected local demand.

Additionally, the local market will benefit from the additional tourism attracted to the area, along with the spillover from the Traditions food and beverage program. The remaining 80,000 covers (year 3 estimate) from hotel guests not staying at the Traditions facility will provide additional business to the surrounding market. Additionally, ambient tourists not staying at the Traditions facility will likely visit local restaurants as well.

# Impacts of Ancillary Patron Spend

Based on the previous economic impact segments, we noted that there is a group of customers that are anticipated to spend money in the local community at hotels and food and beverage establishments. This group only consists of those individuals that are coming from outside the market as the local market is already being accounted for in the economic impact study of on-going operations. The philosophy that holds true in comparable markets is that the local guests will have food and beverage spending that is similar to what they spent prior to the opening of this facility as spending habits will not change outside of the casino just because a casino was opened. The only change in their spending habits comes as they make more money and have more discretionary income. In the previous economic impact sections, in the direct, indirect and induced categories, these folks and their additional spend is accounted for.

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As such, the focus of this section is the out of market customers that come to the casino. The following breakdown shows the total ancillary patron spend for this group and the methodology used to calculate it.

# Base Case

| Impacts of Ancillary Patron Spend (Base Case)   |              |              |              |              |              |
|---|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Hotel Spillover   |              |              |              |              |              |
| Total Out-of-Market Casino Visits   | 102,792      | 103,820      | 104,339      | 104,861      | 105,385      |
| % of Out-of-Market Casino Visits from guests staying in a Hotel outside of Traditions | 12.9%        | 12.9%        | 12.9%        | 12.9%        | 12.9%        |
| Total Casino Visits staying in outside hotels   | 13,238       | 13,371       | 13,438       | 13,505       | 13,572       |
| ADR   | \$135.00     | \$137.70     | \$140.45     | \$143.26     | \$146.13     |
| Total Ancillary Patron Spend in Hotels  | \$1,787,180  | \$1,841,153  | \$1,887,366  | \$1,934,739  | \$1,983,301  |
| Other Spillover (includes, F&B, Entertainment, Retail, Transportation, etc.)          |              |              |              |              |              |
| Total Out-of-Market Casino Visits   | 102,792      | 103,820      | 104,339      | 104,861      | 105,385      |
| % of guests that will spend outside of the subject property                           | 59%          | 59%          | 59%          | 59%          | 59%          |
| Total guests that will visit other attractions  | 60,647       | 61,254       | 61,560       | 61,868       | 62,177       |
| Total Spend on non-gaming, non-hotel activities per day                               | \$266.86     | \$272.20     | \$277.64     | \$283.20     | \$288.86     |
| % of spend outside of subject facility  | 60%          | 60%          | 60%          | 60%          | 60%          |
| Total Ancillary Patron Spend in the Community (excl. Hotel)                           | \$9,710,641  | \$10,003,903 | \$10,255,001 | \$10,512,401 | \$10,776,262 |
| Total Ancillary Spend   | \$11,497,821 | \$11,845,056 | \$12,142,366 | \$12,447,140 | \$12,759,563 |

Source: The Innovation Group, AGA 2013 Study, Atlantic City Profile Study 2013

# Low-Case

| Impacts of Ancillary Patron Spend (Low Case)  |              |              |              |              |              |
|---|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Hotel Spillover   |              |              |              |              |              |
| Total Out-of-Market Casino Visits   | 100,736      | 101,744      | 102,252      | 102,764      | 103,277      |
| % of Out-of-Market Casino Visits from guests staying in a Hotel outside of Traditions | 12.4%        | 12.4%        | 12.5%        | 12.5%        | 12.5%        |
| Total Casino Visits staying in outside hotels   | 12,502       | 12,650       | 12,802       | 12,865       | 12,933       |
| ADR   | \$135.00     | \$137.70     | \$140.45     | \$143.26     | \$146.13     |
| Total Ancillary Patron Spend in Hotels  | \$1,687,716  | \$1,741,852  | \$1,798,094  | \$1,843,068  | \$1,889,836  |
| Other Spillover (includes, F&B, Entertainment, Retail, Transportation, etc.)          |              |              |              |              |              |
| Total Out-of-Market Casino Visits   | 100,736      | 101,744      | 102,252      | 102,764      | 103,277      |
| % of guests that will spend outside of the subject property                           | 59%          | 59%          | 59%          | 59%          | 59%          |
| Total guests that will visit other attractions  | 59,434       | 60,029       | 60,329       | 60,630       | 60,934       |
| Total Spend on non-gaming, non-hotel activities per day                               | \$266.86     | \$272.20     | \$277.64     | \$283.20     | \$288.86     |
| % of spend outside of subject facility  | 60%          | 60%          | 60%          | 60%          | 60%          |
| Total Ancillary Patron Spend in the Community (excl. Hotel)                           | \$9,516,429  | \$9,803,825  | \$10,049,901 | \$10,302,153 | \$10,560,737 |
| Total Ancillary Spend   | \$11,204,144 | \$11,545,676 | \$11,847,995 | \$12,145,221 | \$12,450,573 |

Source: The Innovation Group, AGA 2013 Study, Atlantic City Profile Study 2013

# High-Case

| Impacts of Ancillary Patron Spend (High Case)   |              |              |              |              |              |  |
|---|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--|
| Hotel Spillover   |              |              |              |              |              |  |
| Total Out-of-Market Casino Visits   | 104,848      | 105,896      | 106,426      | 106,958      | 107,493      |  |
| % of Out-of-Market Casino Visits from guests staying in a Hotel outside of Traditions | 13.6%        | 13.6%        | 13.6%        | 13.6%        | 13.6%        |  |
| Total Casino Visits staying in outside hotels   | 14,272       | 14,430       | 14,507       | 14,576       | 14,649       |  |
| ADR   | \$135.00     | \$137.70     | \$140.45     | \$143.26     | \$146.13     |  |
| Total Ancillary Patron Spend in Hotels  | \$1,926,688  | \$1,986,947  | \$2,037,565  | \$2,088,157  | \$2,140,594  |  |
| Other Spillover (includes, F&B, Entertainment, Retail, Transportation, etc.)          |              |              |              |              |              |  |
| Total Out-of-Market Casino Visits   | 104,848      | 105,896      | 106,426      | 106,958      | 107,493      |  |
| % of guests that will spend outside of the subject property                           | 59%          | 59%          | 59%          | 59%          | 59%          |  |
| Total guests that will visit other attractions  | 61,860       | 62,479       | 62,791       | 63,105       | 63,421       |  |
| Total Spend on non-gaming, non-hotel activities per day                               | \$266.86     | \$272.20     | \$277.64     | \$283.20     | \$288.86     |  |
| % of spend outside of subject facility  | 60%          | 60%          | 60%          | 60%          | 60%          |  |
| Total Ancillary Patron Spend in the Community (excl. Hotel)                           | \$9,904,854  | \$10,203,981 | \$10,460,101 | \$10,722,649 | \$10,991,788 |  |
| Total Ancillary Spend   | \$11,831,542 | \$12,190,927 | \$12,497,666 | \$12,810,806 | \$13,132,381 |  |

Source: The Innovation Group, AGA 2013 Study, Atlantic City Profile Study 2013

# Impact on Incremental Job Creation and Unemployment Rates

#### **Broome County Employment Analysis**

As noted, the casino and hotel are projected to require approximately 913 jobs to operate.

**Traditions Casino and Hotel Employment** 

|                         | Base | High | Low |
|-------------------------|------|------|-----|
| Casino & F&B Jobs       | 565  | 613  | 510 |
| Hotel Jobs              | 61   | 67   | 53  |
| Unallocated             | 216  | 234  | 204 |
| Number of New Employees | 842  | 913  | 767 |

Source: The Innovation Group

These jobs are expected to be filled by a combination of local unemployed workers, local out-bound commuters, residents of neighboring counties, and new residents. Unemployment in the Binghamton MSA currently stands at an estimated 7,100 workers. Recent trends have shown declining unemployment; therefore for the future baseline condition we have used the 2006-2013 average, or approximately 6,800.

**Broome County - Employment Statistics** 

| Year    | Civilian    | Employment | Unemployment | Unemployment |
|---------|-------------|------------|--------------|--------------|
|         | labor force |            |              | rate         |
| 2006    | 96,801      | 92,229     | 4,572        | 4.7%         |
| 2007    | 96,944      | 92,554     | 4,390        | 4.5%         |
| 2008    | 97,806      | 92,352     | 5,454        | 5.6%         |
| 2009    | 97,216      | 89,190     | 8,026        | 8.3%         |
| 2010    | 95,931      | 87,341     | 8,590        | 9.0%         |
| 2011    | 93,552      | 85,550     | 8,002        | 8.6%         |
| 2012    | 92,697      | 84,644     | 8,053        | 8.7%         |
| 2013    | 91,023      | 83,879     | 7,144        | 7.8%         |
| Average | 95,246      | 88,467     | 6,779        | 7.5%         |

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, Non-seasonally adjusted; The Innovation Group

The vast majority of residents and employees in Broome County do not leave the county in order to work or live, according to the most recent averages provided from the US Census between 2006 and 2010. An estimated 82% of people working in Broome County live in there as well, meaning just 18% commute in from other counties. Of all workers who live in Broome County, only 10% work in other counties.

> **Broome County - Commuting Patterns:** Average 2006-2010

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Headcount, including full and part-time workers.

| Broome County Work Force                          | 98,988 |
|---|--------|
| Live & work in Broome County                      | 81,215 |
| % who live & work in Broome                       | 82%    |
| Live elsewhere & commute IN                       | 17,773 |
| % who commute IN                                  | 18%    |
| Total Number of Workers residing in Broome County | 90,708 |
| Live in Broome and work elsewhere                 | 9,493  |
| % who commute OUT                                 | 10%    |
|   |        |

Source: US Census - Commuting and Employment Data - 2006-2010

Average; The Innovation Group

As the following table shows, it is estimated that the existing area workforce will account for the vast majority of employment. Approximately 10% of workers are estimated to move into the area.

**Traditions Casino Source of Workforce** 

|   | Base   | High  | Low    |  |  |
|---|--------|-------|--------|--|--|
| Number of New Employees   | 842    | 913   | 767    |  |  |
| % who will commute in from outside B.C.                                     | 35%    | 35%   | 35%    |  |  |
| Number of Commuters from outside B.C.                                       | 295    | 320   | 269    |  |  |
| B.C. Unemployed (Future estimate)   | 7,700  | 7,700 | 7,700  |  |  |
| % of Currently Unemployed that will find work                               | 5.00%  | 5.50% | 4.50%  |  |  |
| B.C. Unemployed back to work  | 385    | 424   | 347    |  |  |
| Live in B.C. and work elsewhere<br>% that will now work in B.C. rather than | 9,500  | 9,500 | 9,500  |  |  |
| commute   | 0.90%  | 0.95% | 0.85%  |  |  |
| Commuters Staying within County   | 86     | 90    | 81     |  |  |
| Total from Existing Area Workforce  | 765    | 833   | 696    |  |  |
| New Workers Needed (net increase to B.C.)                                   | 77     | 80    | 71     |  |  |
| % of Total Casino Positions   | 10.10% | 9.60% | 10.30% |  |  |

Source: The Innovation Group B.C.= Broome County

Unemployment is projected to decline by 385 workers in the base case as shown in the previous table, resulting in a decline in the unemployment rate to 7.2% as a result of the direct jobs created by operating the casino and hotel.

Impact from Direct Jobs on Broome County Employment Base Case

| Year               | Civilian labor<br>force | Employment | Unemployment | Unemployment rate (%) |
|--------------------|-------------------------|------------|--------------|-----------------------|
| Future Baseline    | 95,246                  | 88,467     | 6,779        | 7.5%                  |
| With Direct Impact | 95,323                  | 88,544     | 6,394        | 7.2%                  |

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, Non-seasonally adjusted; The Innovation Group

Additionally, the approximately 550 indirect and induced jobs attributable to direct employment and purchases of goods and services from local vendors would further reduce the unemployment rate.

#### Comparative Research

The Innovation Group collected labor force data from three Pennsylvania counties and MSAs that have similar markets to Broome County. Casinos opened in these three markets at the end of 2006 (Pocono Downs in Nov. 2006) or beginning of 2007 (Presque Isle Downs in Erie in Feb. 2007 and Chester Downs in Delaware County in Jan. 2007).

**Pennsylvania Unemployment Trends** 

| Year                | Wilkes Barre/<br>Scranton | Erie       | Delaware Co.<br>(Chester) | State   |
|---------------------|---------------------------|------------|---------------------------|---------|
| 2004                | 17,522                    | 8,548      | 14,031                    | 337,235 |
| 2005                | 15,455                    | 7,595      | 12,859                    | 312,201 |
| 2006                | 14,379                    | 7,059      | 12,014                    | 286,574 |
| 2007                | 13,682                    | 6,721      | 11,412                    | 276,227 |
| Change<br>2007/2006 | -4.80%                    | -<br>4.80% | -5.00%                    | -3.60%  |

Source: The Innovation Group

The peer-group casinos have generally had a positive impact on unemployment, with unemployment declining in 2007 at a higher rate than that experienced statewide in Pennsylvania.