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Mr. Paul Gagerman
Check Changers
425 Huehl Road Building Two
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Dear Mr. Gagerman:

The Department has approved Red Leaf Chicago, LLC dba Digital Mint to market the exchange of bitcoin through licensed currency exchanges in Illinois.

The approved process is as follows:

Consumers wishing to purchase bitcoin display a virtual wallet and give cash to the currency exchange teller. The teller will then access Digital Mint's web portal, scan the virtual wallet and enter the amount paid. Once the transaction is approved, the consumer receives bitcoin deposited into his or her virtual wallet.

Digital Mint reports that this is a secure one-way transaction in which bitcoin, once appearing in the consumer's virtual wallet, cannot be reversed by either Digital Mint or the currency exchange. Digital Mint also requires additional customer information to maintain strict BSA/AML compliance.

The currency exchange will record the transaction in the same manner it currently records any number of services it already provides such as Western Union, MoneyGram and utility bill payments. On a regular basis, Digital Mint will initiate an ACH debit of the currency exchange's bank account in an amount matching the amount collected and recorded on the currency exchange's daily sheet.

Please feel to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Tom Lydon
Supervisor
Currency Exchange Section