



INTERIOR BOARD OF INDIAN APPEALS

William W. Billups, Frontier Productions v. Muskogee Area Director,
Bureau of Indian Affairs

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WILLIAM W. BILLUPS, FRONTIER PRODUCTIONS, Appellant	:	Order Dismissing Appeal
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v.	:	Docket No. IBIA 92-74-A
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MUSKOGEE AREA DIRECTOR, BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS, Appellee	:	March 12, 1992

On October 21, 1991, the Muskogee Area Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs, issued approximately 545 notices of additional royalty assessment under Osage oil and gas leases. The Board received a notice of appeal of this assessment from William W. Billups, Frontier Productions, on November 1, 1991. On November 8, 1991, the Board received a second notice of appeal from the same appellant. Both notices bore original signatures. Since neither notice included lessee numbers, it was not possible to ascertain whether appellant had received two assessment notices or whether he inadvertently filed two notices of appeal from the same assessment. The Board therefore assumed that appellant intended to file two appeals. The first-received appeal was docketed as IBIA 92-48-A and the second as IBIA 92-74-A.

From materials later received from the Area Director, it appeared that only one lease was involved. The Board therefore ordered appellant to show cause why Docket No. IBIA 92-74-A should not be dismissed. Appellant has not responded.

Therefore, pursuant to the authority delegated to the Board of Indian Appeals by the Secretary of the Interior, 43 CFR 4.1, appellant's second appeal, docketed as IBIA 92-74-A, is dismissed.

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Anita Vogt
Administrative Judge

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Kathryn A. Lynn
Chief Administrative Judge