



INTERIOR BOARD OF INDIAN APPEALS

Ernst Petroleum Co. v. Acting Muskogee Area Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs

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ERNST PETROLEUM CO.,	:	Order Dismissing Appeal
Appellant	:	
	:	
v.	:	
	:	Docket No. IBIA 92-173-A
ACTING MUSKOGEE AREA DIRECTOR,	:	
BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,	:	
Appellee	:	September 27, 1993

Appellant Ernst Petroleum Co. sought review of a May 11, 1992, decision of the Acting Muskogee Area Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs, finding that Oil and Gas Lease No. 601-10782 (55849) Melah Tiger, Creek NB-1204, had expired for failure to produce oil and/or gas in paying quantities. By order dated March 22, 1993, the Board of Indian Appeals required the parties to attempt settlement of this dispute.

On September 24, 1993, the Area Director notified the Board that the parties had negotiated and executed a new lease, which was approved on September 15, 1993, by the District Court of Creek County, Oklahoma, pursuant to the Act of August 4, 1947, 61 Stat. 731. Accordingly, the Area Director stated that he and appellant agreed that the appeal should be dismissed.

Therefore, pursuant to the authority delegated to the Board of Indian Appeals by the Secretary of the Interior, 43 CFR 4.1, and the settlement reached between the parties, this appeal is dismissed.

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Kathryn A. Lynn
Chief Administrative Judge

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Anita Vogt
Administrative Judge