



INTERIOR BOARD OF INDIAN APPEALS

J. Gilbert Sanchez v. Bureau of Indian Affairs

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# United States Department of the Interior

OFFICE OF HEARINGS AND APPEALS  
INTERIOR BOARD OF INDIAN APPEALS  
4015 WILSON BOULEVARD  
ARLINGTON, VA 22203

J. GILBERT SANCHEZ,  
Appellant

v.

BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,  
Appellee

: Order Docketing and Dismissing  
: Appeal  
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: Docket No. IBIA 99-83-A  
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: August 3, 1999

On July 29, 1999, the Board of Indian Appeals received a notice of appeal from J. Gilbert Sanchez, pro se. Sanchez stated that he was appealing, on behalf of the Council of Principales of the Pueblo of San Ildefonso, "the decision(s) of the BIA on it's actions in replacing our Governing Structure under their determination of our governmental system being in deterioration under documents presented in December 1995 to date." Notice of Appeal at 1.

Sanchez did not identify a particular BIA decision for which he sought Board review. Although he enclosed a number of documents with his notice of appeal, none of those documents was a BIA decision. The Board contacted BIA's Albuquerque Area Office to learn whether a decision concerning the Pueblo of San Ildefonso had been issued. It was informed that no decision had been issued in recent months.

Sanchez's notice of appeal describes general complaints against BIA and the Pueblo's Tribal Council. The Board has no authority to act on general complaints. Rather, the Board's authority is limited to the review of specific decisions issued by BIA Area Directors and certain other BIA officials, under procedures established in 25 C.F.R. Part 2 and 43 C.F.R. Part 4, Subpart D.

Sanchez has not appealed any decision which the Board has jurisdiction to review. Therefore, pursuant to the authority delegated to the Board of Indian Appeals by the Secretary of the Interior, 43 C.F.R. § 4.1, this appeal is docketed but is dismissed for lack of jurisdiction.

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Anita Vogt  
Administrative Judge

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Kathryn A. Lynn  
Chief Administrative Judge