



## INTERIOR BOARD OF INDIAN APPEALS

Jennifer M. Reeder v. Acting Southern Plains Regional Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs

61 IBIA 74 (07/08/2015)

Petition for Reconsideration Denied:

61 IBIA 161



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JENNIFER M. REEDER,	)	Order Dismissing Appeal
Appellant,	)	
	)	
v.	)	
	)	Docket No. IBIA 14-032
ACTING SOUTHERN PLAINS	)	
REGIONAL DIRECTOR, BUREAU	)	
OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,	)	
Appellee.	)	July 8, 2015

Jennifer M. Reeder (Appellant) appealed to the Board of Indian Appeals (Board) from a September 12, 2013, decision (Decision) of the Acting Southern Plains Regional Director (Regional Director), Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), finding that BIA was unable to accept a resolution purportedly adopted by the Caddo Nation Tribal Council concerning retrocession of the Tribe’s Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act grants and contracts.

On June 1, 2015, the Board received from the Regional Director a suggestion of mootness and information in support of finding the appeal moot. The Board allowed Appellant an opportunity to respond, on or before June 24, 2015. Order Allowing Response, June 3, 2015. The Board advised Appellant that the burden is on a party opposing a suggestion of mootness to demonstrate why an appeal is not moot, and that if she failed to respond, the Board might dismiss the appeal without further notice. *Id.* (citing *Van Mechelen v. Northwest Regional Director*, 56 IBIA 111, 112 (2013); *Reeder v. Acting Southern Plains Regional Director*, 55 IBIA 201, 202 (2012)). The U.S. Postal Service Track-and-Confirm service on its website indicates that Appellant received the Board’s order on June 10, 2015. The Board has received no response from Appellant.

Therefore, pursuant to the authority delegated to the Board of Indian Appeals by the Secretary of the Interior, 43 C.F.R. § 4.1, the Board dismisses this appeal as moot.

I concur:

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Steven K. Linscheid  
Chief Administrative Judge

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Thomas A. Blaser  
Administrative Judge