

MELVIN C. HUDSON

IBLA 76-662      Decided February 1, 1977

Appeal from a decision of the Nevada State Office, Bureau of Land Management, rejecting simultaneous oil and gas lease offers N-13037 and N-13038.

Affirmed.

1. Oil and Gas Leases: Applications: Generally – Oil and Gas Leases: Applications: Drawings

An unsigned drawing entry card filed in the simultaneous oil and gas leasing procedures must be rejected.

APPEARANCES: Melvin C. Hudson, pro se.

OPINION BY ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE HENRIQUES

Melvin C. Hudson has appealed from a decision of the Nevada State Office, Bureau of Land Management, dated May 27, 1976, rejecting his simultaneous oil and gas lease offers N-13037 and N-13038 for failure to sign the entry cards. His entry cards had been drawn with first priority, respectively, for Parcels numbered 1031 and 1034 in the May 1976 simultaneous filing procedures.

On appeal, appellant argues that the omission was inadvertent and contends that he should be allowed to correct the mistake. Appellant further alleges that he was the only applicant who made an offer on either of the two parcels.

[1] It is well settled that failure to sign the drawing entry card compels the rejection of the lease offer. Frank De Jong, 27 IBLA 313 (1976); Herbert W. Schollmeyer, 25 IBLA 393 (1976), Thomas Buckmann, 23 IBLA 21 (1975). As was stated in Thomas Buckmann, supra, "the signing of the card is the certification of all other statements made on the card." 23 IBLA at 22. Inasmuch as without a signature there is no viable offer, the fact

that appellant was the only person who submitted an entry card does not change the result.

Accordingly, pursuant to the authority delegated to the Board of Land Appeals by the Secretary of the Interior, 43 CFR 4.1, the decision appealed from is affirmed.

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Douglas E. Henriques  
Administrative Judge

We concur:

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Martin Ritvo  
Administrative Judge

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Edward W. Stuebing  
Administrative Judge

