

ROSE B. CARRINGTON  
RICHARD W. CARRINGTON

IBLA 80-268

Decided March 19, 1980

Appeal from decision of the Arizona State Office, Bureau of Land Management, rejecting oil and gas lease offer A 12736.

Affirmed.

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

Where a drawing entry card sets out the names of two applicants but one applicant fails to sign the card, the card is not in compliance with 43 CFR 3112.2-1(a) which requires that the card be "fully executed," and the lease offer is properly rejected.

APPEARANCES: Rose B. Carrington and Richard W. Carrington, pro sese.

OPINION BY ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE FISHMAN

This appeal is from a decision dated December 11, 1979, by the Arizona State Office, Bureau of Land Management (BLM), rejecting appellants' oil and gas lease offer A 12736 filed on a drawing entry card for parcel No. AZ3 of the November 1979 list of lands available for simultaneous oil and gas filings.

Appellants' offer was the first drawn for this parcel. The offer was rejected because although the face of the card lists both Rose B. and Richard Carrington as applicants, Richard W. Carrington did not sign the card, though both signature spaces have the date inserted.

Appellants contend that the instructions for filling out the card are contradictory and that one signature is sufficient to validate the drawing entry card under 43 CFR 3112.2-1(a).

[1] The Board has ruled on numerous occasions that strict compliance with regulation 43 CFR 3112.2-1(a) requiring drawing entry cards to be signed and fully executed, is necessary. Fernando Santos, 32 IBLA 194 (1977); John Willard Dixon, 28 IBLA 275 (1976); Robert J. Burkhill, 28 IBLA 76 (1976). Even minor deviations and omissions in the information required on a drawing entry card have been held sufficient to warrant the rejection of the offer. Raymond F. Kaiser, 27 IBLA 373 (1976). Thus, the omission of a signature has been held a proper reason for rejection of the offer. Melvin C. Hudson, 28 IBLA 359 (1977); John Willard Dixon, *supra*. In a case where both of the applicants signed the card but one of the applicants omitted the date, the lease offer was also rejected. Thomas V. Gullo, 29 IBLA 126 (1977). As was stated in Thomas Buckmann, 23 IBLA 21, 22 (1975), "[T]he signing of the card is the certification of all other statements made on the card." Thus the entry card was defective when filed and was properly rejected.

Therefore, 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.

Frederick Fishman  
Administrative Judge

We concur:

Joseph W. Goss  
Administrative Judge

Joan B. Thompson  
Administrative Judge

