

MARILYN K. WEISS

IBLA 80-824

Decided April 30, 1981

Appeal from a decision of the Eastern States Office, Bureau of Land Management, rejecting simultaneous oil and gas lease offer ES 24103.

Affirmed.

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

Strict compliance with 43 CFR 3112.2-1 which provides that simultaneous oil and gas drawing entry cards be signed and fully executed by an applicant or his agent is required.

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

A simultaneous oil and gas lease offer is properly rejected where the State prefix to the parcel number on an oil and gas drawing entry card is omitted.

APPEARANCES: Marilyn K. Weiss, pro se.

OPINION BY ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE FRAZIER

Marilyn K. Weiss appeals from the June 13, 1980, decision of the Eastern States Office, Bureau of Land Management (BLM), rejecting her simultaneous oil and gas lease offer ES 24103. BLM rejected appellant's first drawn entry card in the January 1980 drawing because she had omitted the "ES" prefix from the parcel number on the card.

Appellant states on appeal that the information from which she took her lease offer numbers was visually unclear and she believed that she had completed the card properly.

[1] The pertinent regulation on simultaneous offers, 43 CFR 3112.2-1(a), requires that a drawing entry card be "signed and fully executed" by the applicant. The Board has held that strict compliance with the regulation is necessary. Thomas V. Gullo, 29 IBLA 126 (1977); John Willard Dixon, 28 IBLA 275 (1976); and Robert J. Burkhill, 28 IBLA 76 (1976). Even minor deviations and omissions in the information required on drawing entry cards are sufficient to warrant the rejection of the offer. Thomas C. Moran, 32 IBLA 168, 169 (1977), and Raymond F. Kaiser, 27 IBLA 373 (1976).

[2] On numerous occasions, the Board has held that a drawing entry card is not fully executed and is properly rejected where the State prefix that is part of the parcel number is omitted. C. H. Coster Gerard, 41 IBLA 74 (1979); Richard Wheeler, Jr., 34 IBLA 359 (1978); Gerald L. Christensen, 30 IBLA 303 (1977); Ernest T. Squires, 30 IBLA 288 (1977); John P. Levycky, 30 IBLA 127 (1977); and Etta D. Harris, 29 IBLA 259 (1977).

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.

Gail M. Frazier
Administrative Judge

We concur:

Bernard V. Parrette
Chief Administrative Judge

James L. Burski
Administrative Judge

