

United States Department of the Interior

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August 25, 2010

PRE-DOCKETING NOTICE

SUBJECT:

Notice of appeal by William C. Tuttle (Appellant) from a July 19, 2010, decision of the Acting Regional Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs, upholding a decision by the Colorado River Agency Superintendent to cancel Lease No. B-509-CR between the Colorado River Indian Tribes, as Lessor, and Appellant, as Lessee.

DATE OF RECEIPT: August 19, 2010

On August 19, 2010, the Board of Indian Appeals (Board) received a notice of appeal from William C. Tuttle (Appellant), pro se. Appellant seeks review of a July 19, 2010, decision of the Acting Regional Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs, upholding a decision by the Colorado River Agency Superintendent to cancel Lease No. B-509-CR between the Colorado River Indian Tribes, as Lessor, and Appellant, as Lessee.

Procedural regulations governing administrative appeals to the Board are found in 43 Code of Federal Regulations (C.F.R.) Part 4. A copy of these regulations is enclosed for the non-Federal parties.

The Regional Director is requested to take the following steps in accordance with the procedural regulations in 43 C.F.R. § 4.335. Within 20 days after receipt of a copy of the notice of appeal or after receipt of this notice from the Board:

1. Assemble and transmit the administrative record to the Board. The administrative record shall include, but not be limited to, a copy of the decision being appealed; all documents that were considered by the deciding official when he or she issued the decision; all documents, petitions, or applications by which the appeal was initiated or which set forth claims, arguments, or

evidence presented by inverested parties; and copies of any transcripts of testimony taken;

- 2. Prepare a table of contents to serve as an index to the record; and
- 3. Include as part of the record a written confirmation that it contains all information and documents utilized by the deciding official in rendering the decision appealed.

If the Regional Director is unable to transmit the record within 20 days, he should inform the Board and the parties when the record will be sent.

In accordance with 43 C.F.R. § 4.336, this case will be assigned a docket number 20 days after the date of receipt noted above unless the Board has been properly notified before that date that the Assistant Secretary - Indian Affairs has assumed jurisdiction over the appeal. Upon receipt of the record, a Notice of Docketing, setting forth the briefing schedule or other procedures, will be sent to all interested parties as shown by the administrative record. If the Assistant Secretary - Indian Affairs properly notifies the Board of an assumption of jurisdiction under 25 C.F.R. § 2.20(c) and 43 C.F.R. § 4.332(b), the parties will be so informed, and the appeal will be transmitted to him.

Steven K. Linscheid

Chief Administrative Judge

Enclosure (for non-Federal parties)

Distribution: See attached list.

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