



INTERIOR BOARD OF INDIAN APPEALS

Joe Samione v. Acting Northwest Regional Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs

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JOE SAMIONE,	:	Order Docketing and Dismissing
Appellant,	:	Appeal and Referring Matter
	:	to the Regional Director
v.	:	
	:	
ACTING NORTHWEST REGIONAL	:	Docket No. IBIA 06-69-A
DIRECTOR, BUREAU OF	:	
INDIAN AFFAIRS,	:	
Appellee.	:	June 15, 2006

On June 5, 2006, the Board of Indian Appeals (Board) received a letter from Joe Samione (Appellant), pro se, concerning the rental rate or other payments due for a homesite lease for Lot 4 of Block 7 of the Hermosa Point Summer Homesites (the Property) in Washington State. The Board treats Appellant's letter as a notice of appeal, but dismisses this appeal without prejudice as premature.

Appellant enclosed with his appeal a copy of a May 23, 2006 decision of the Acting Northwest Regional Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs (Regional Director; BIA). In that decision, the Regional Director vacated an April 12, 2006 rental rate adjustment decision by the BIA Puget Sound Superintendent, which Appellant had appealed to the Regional Director. The Regional Director found that the Superintendent had erred in sending a rate "adjustment" notice to Appellant because his lease (No. 8086) for the Property had expired in 2004. ^{1/} The Regional Director informed Appellant that Appellant needed to negotiate a new lease and that the Regional Director had instructed the Superintendent to contact Appellant regarding a new lease. The Regional Director remanded the matter to the Superintendent.

Appellant also enclosed with his notice of appeal a copy of a May 12, 2006 letter from the Superintendent to him, setting a rental rate for a new homesite lease for the

^{1/} The Regional Director's decision states that he had discussed the matter with the Superintendent, and the Superintendent acknowledged that the rental rate adjustment notice had been sent in error.

