

## BEFORE THE INDIAN CLAIMS COMMISSION

THE BLACKFEET AND GROS VENTRE	)	
TRIBES OF INDIANS, residing upon	)	
the Blackfeet and Fort Belknap	)	
Reservations in the State of	)	
Montana,	)	
	)	
Plaintiffs,	)	
v.	)	Docket No. 279-C
	)	
THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,	)	
	)	
Defendant.	)	
	)	
THE FORT BELKNAP INDIAN COMMUNITY	)	
sometimes referred to as the	)	
Gros Ventre Tribe and Assiniboine	)	
Tribe of Fort Belknap Indians,	)	
	)	
Plaintiffs,	)	
v.	)	Docket No. 250-A
	)	
THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,	)	
	)	
Defendant.	)	

ORDER SEVERING SEPARATE CLAIMS OF BLACKFEET TRIBE FROM  
CONSOLIDATED DOCKETS, SETTING A TIME FOR TRIAL OF SUCH  
CLAIMS, AND ESTABLISHING THE BASIS FOR DIVISION OF ANY  
RECOVERIES WHICH MAY BE HAD ON JOINT CLAIMS OF TWO PLAINTIFFS

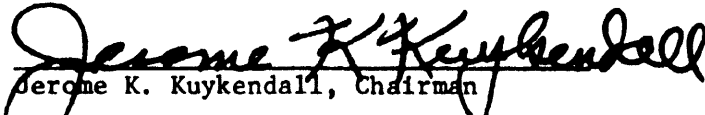
Pursuant to order of the Commission, a conference on the above-entitled matters was held before Commissioner Vance on August 26, 1974, at which all parties were represented by counsel. Plaintiffs stated their intention to file a motion to sever out for separate trial and disposition those claims of the Blackfeet Tribe which are not jointly asserted with other plaintiffs in this consolidated proceeding and also to file a motion to establish the basis of dividing any judgment which may be rendered herein on joint claims of more than one plaintiff. Counsel for the defendant indicated that he probably would not oppose such motions. Thereafter, on August 27, 1974, such motions were filed and served on the defendant. The time for response allowed by the Rules of Procedure has now expired, and defendant has not filed any response.

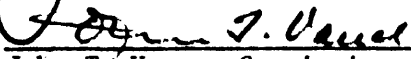
Therefore, good cause appearing for such action

## IT IS ORDERED THAT:

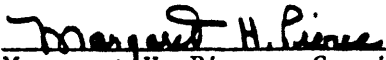
1. Hereafter claims of the Blackfeet Tribe which are not asserted jointly with any other plaintiff shall be prosecuted in separate proceedings from the claims of any other plaintiff. Such separate proceeds are hereby assigned Docket No. 279-D.
2. Trial in Docket No. 279-D will be held immediately after the trial of the claims remaining in the combined proceedings in Dockets 279-C and 250-A, set for September 30, 1975.
3. Any final judgment rendered in these cases on joint claims of the Blackfeet and Gros Ventre Tribes shall be divided on the basis of 70 percent of the recovery to the Blackfeet and 30 percent to the Gros Ventre. Any final judgment on joint claims of the Gros Ventre Tribe and the Assiniboine Tribe shall be divided 53 percent to the Gros Ventre and 47 percent to the Assiniboine.

Dated at Washington, D. C., this 25th day of September 1974.

  
Jerome K. Kuykendall, Chairman

  
John T. Vance, Commissioner

  
Richard W. Yarborough, Commissioner

  
Margaret H. Pierce, Commissioner

  
Brantley Blue, Commissioner