BEFORE THE INDIAN CLAIMS COMMISSION

THE CAYUGA NATION OF INDIANS, et al.,)
Plaintiffs,)
v.	Docket No. 34
THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,)
Defendant.)

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE

On May 10, 1973, the Cayuga Nation of New York, and individual chiefs Vernon Isaac, James Leaffe, Kenneth John, and Frank Bonamie, filed in this docket what they designated a "Petition of Indication of Interest on Behalf of the Cayuga Nation of New York." In the petition it was alleged that the Cayuga Nation of New York had a possible interest in the subject matter of this docket, which would be prejudiced if it was not represented at the Commission's proceedings on value and consideration. The petitioners requested that the Commission postpone any determination of value and consideration in this docket until the Cayuga Nation of New York could retain counsel to represent its interests before the Commission.

At the time this petition was filed this docket was before the Court of Claims on defendant's appeal from the Commission's liability decision, 28 Ind. Cl. Comm. 237 (1972). On June 29, 1973, the Court of Claims remanded this docket for further proceedings. With its decision of March 27, 1975, 36 Ind. Cl. Comm. 75, the Commission has complied with the mandate of the court. This docket is now to proceed to a determination of the extent of the defendant's liability to the plaintiffs, if any.

Nearly two years have elapsed since the filing of the above-described petition. The Commission has received no further communications from the petitioners. Inquiries to the Bureau of Indian Affairs indicate that the Cayuga Nation of New York has not retained counsel to represent it before the Commission in this docket.

Upon consideration of the above, the Commission concludes that proceedings in this docket should not be delayed on account of the above-described petition.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that petitioners shall have thirty days from the date of this order to show cause why this docket should not proceed to a determination of the extent of the defendant's liability, and why the above-described petition should not be dismissed.

Dated at Washington, D. C., this 23rd day of April 1975.

Jerone K. Kuykendall, Chairman
John J. Vance, Commissioner

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