

BEFORE THE INDIAN CLAIMS COMMISSION

THE PEORIA TRIBE OF INDIANS OF
OKLAHOMA, and GUY FROMAN on behalf
of the PEORIA NATION, FRED ENSWORTH
on behalf of the KASKASKIA NATION,
AMOS ROBINSON SKYE on behalf of the
WEA NATION, and MABLE STATON PARKER,
on behalf of the PIANKESHAW NATION,

Petitioners,

Docket No. 65

THE PEORIA TRIBE OF INDIANS OF
OKLAHOMA, and FRED ENSWORTH on behalf
of the KASKASKIA NATION,

Petitioners,

Docket No. 66

THE PEORIA TRIBE OF INDIANS OF
OKLAHOMA, and MABLE STATON PARKER on
behalf of the PIANKESHAW NATION,

Petitioners,

Docket No. 99

THE PEORIA TRIBE OF INDIANS OF
OKLAHOMA, and MABEL STATON PARKER ON
behalf of the PIANKESHAW NATION,

Petitioners,

Docket No. 289

THE PEORIA TRIBE OF INDIANS OF
OKLAHOMA, GUY FROMAN on behalf of the
PEORIA NATION, and FRED ENSWORTH on
behalf of the KASKASKIA NATION,

Petitioners,

Docket No. 313

THE PEORIA TRIBE OF INDIANS OF
OKLAHOMA, and AMOS ROBINSON SKYE on
behalf of the WEA NATION,

Petitioners,

Docket No. 314

THE PEORIA TRIBE OF INDIANS OF
OKLAHOMA: FRED ENSWORTH, as the
representative of the KASKASKIA NATION;
AMOS ROBINSON SKYE, as the represen-
tative of the WEA NATION; MABEL STATON
PARKER, as the representative of the
PIANKESHAW NATION,

Petitioners,

Docket No. 338

v.

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Defendant.

Decided: March 26, 1956

Appearances:

A. Abraham Ziedman, with
whom were Jack Joseph and
Arthur Lazarus, Jr.,
Attorneys for Petitioners.

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whom was Mr. Assistant
Attorney General
Perry W. Morton,
Attorneys for Defendant.

OPINION OF THE COMMISSION

O'Marr, Commissioner, delivered the opinion of the Commission.

The question presented for determination is whether, under the Indian Claims Commission Act, a corporation formed under the provisions of the Oklahoma Indian Welfare Act of June 26, 1936 (49 Stat. 1967), can maintain claims for or on behalf of the tribes -- Peoria, Wea, Kaskaskia and Piankeshaw -- growing out of dealings and treaties with defendant.

The name "Peoria Tribe" is referred to in this opinion in two ways. Where the tribal name is used in combination with the Wea, Kaskaskia and Piankeshaw, we are referring to the historic Peoria Tribe. The other references are, of course, to the corporate entity, Peoria Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma.

The Peoria Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma, a corporation, is a party petitioner in each of the above cases. In addition to the corporate petitioner, individual members of the respective tribes are joined as petitioners who sue "on behalf" of one or the other of the tribes mentioned

