

February 21, 1957

THE UINTAH UTE INDIANS OF UTAH,
Plaintiffs,
v.
THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
Defendant.

Docket No. 45

INTERLOCUTORY ORDER

Upon the findings of fact this day filed herein, and which are hereby made a part of this order, the Commission concludes as a matter of law that in the year 1881 the plaintiffs were entitled to and were in the rightful and exclusive possession of the Uintah and Ouray Indian Reservation lands in the then Territory of Utah, and that the defendant in placing the band of White River Utes thereon without the consent of plaintiffs and without compensating them therefor, is liable to plaintiffs for the value of an undivided one-half interest in the lands of said reservation.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that the plaintiffs recover from defendant the value of an undivided one-half interest in the lands of said reservation as of August 15, 1882, less such offsets, counterclaims or other demands as are allowable under the Indian Claims Commission Act; that the amendment of the answer setting forth such offsets, counterclaims or other demands may be postponed until the determination of the value of said lands.

Dated at Washington, D. C., this 21st day of February, 1957.

Edgar E. Witt, Chief Commissioner
Louis J. O'Marr, Associate Commissioner
Wm. M. Holt, Associate Commissioner