CIMARRON INSURANCE COMPANY, INC.) AGBCA No. 99-113-ADR
(1993 Nationwide Operations Review;	
Compliance Case KC-CR00-365),	
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DECISION OF THE BOARD OF CONTRACT APPEALS

December 2, 1999

Before VERGILIO, Administrative Judge.

Opinion for the Board by Administrative Judge VERGILIO.

VERGILIO, Administrative Judge.

Cimarron Insurance Company, Inc., and the U. S. Department of Agriculture, Federal Crop Insurance Corporation (FCIC) have an appeal before this Board, AGBCA No. 98-175-F, involving Cimarron's dispute with the FCIC's assessment of \$141,412, for what FCIC deemed to be Cimarron's failure to comply with various provisions of the 1993 Standard Reinsurance Agreement (SRA) between the parties (Compliance Case KC-CR00-365). As stated in a letter to the Board dated November 23, 1998, the parties opted to attempt to resolve this matter through the use of an alternative dispute resolution (ADR) technique--non-binding mediation with a Board judge not on the panel of the underlying appeal. Rule 34. Therefore, this case was assigned as this ADR matter.

These parties did not engage in mediation with a Board judge. Rather, both counsel in this matter utilized the Board judge to mediate similar issues with a different insurance company. <u>Continental Insurance Co.</u>, 99-114-ADR (May 13, 1999). Following the conclusion of that mediation, the parties resolved this matter. In a telephone conference held on November 29, 1999, the parties informed the Board that this matter has settled and may be closed. Also, the parties stated that the underlying appeal, AGBCA No. 98-175-F, now may be dismissed with prejudice.

DECISION

At the request of the parties, this ADR matter before the Board is closed.

JOSEPH A. VERGILIO

Administrative Judge

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