

Hypothetical SLE Cases

4 TOWNSHIPS
WITH VARYING
SURVEY DATES

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6 HYPOTHETICAL
EXERCISES

Survey Approved June 6, 1913
T.5N., R.5W.

Survey Approved May 20, 1950
T.5N., R.4W.

Survey Approved July 12, 1977
T.4N., R.5W.

Survey Approved June 8, 1952
T.4N., R.4W.

Some of these properties bound on more than one section line. The Exercises focus on only one of the boundaries.

NE 1/4 S7, T.4N., R.4W.

Section 7
HE Entry
11/12/60

NE 1/4

T.4N., R.4W.
Survey Approved June 8, 1952

Case 1

THE FACTS

SURVEY DATE: 6/8/52
RS-2477 ACCEPTANCE: 3/21/53
LAND RESERVED: 11/12/60

IS THERE AN SLE ON THE NORTH BOUNDARY?

Basic 160 Acre Homestead Entry bounding on two Section Lines.

NE 1/4 S7, T.4N., R.4W.

WHEN THE SURVEY WAS APPROVED IN 1952, THE RS-2477 GRANT ACCEPTANCE HAD BEEN REPEALED.

THE RS-2477 ACCEPTANCE WAS REINSTATED ON MARCH 21, 1953.

AS THE RS-2477 ACCEPTANCE HAD PRECEDED THE HOMESTEAD ENTRY DATE IN 1960, THERE WOULD BE A 33' (2-ROD) WIDE SLE ON THE NORTH SECTION LINE BOUNDARY.

Case 1

A 33' FEDERAL SLE EXISTS ON THE N. BOUNDARY

Also 33' SLE on East Boundary.

Section 6, T.4N., R.4W.

THE FACTS

SURVEY DATE: 6/8/52

CH. 123 SLA 1951: 3/26/51

PATENT TO STATE: 10/14/65

Case 2

IS THERE AN SLE ON THE SOUTH BOUNDARY?

Ch 123 SLA 1951 Established 100' SLE's on State or Territorial Lands.

Section 6, T.4N., R.4W.

S6 Patent to State 10/14/65

50' SLE

T.4N., R.4W.
Survey Approved June 8, 1952

Case 2

A 50' State SLE Exists on the S. Boundary

When the Survey Was Approved in 1952, The RS-2477 Grant Acceptance Had Been Repealed.

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On March 26, 1951 (and Prior to Survey Approval) Ch. 123 SLA 1951 Provided For 100' Wide State/Territorial SLEs.

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Once the State Received Patent in 1965, the Land Was Subject to a 100' Wide SLE.

Also would apply to North, East and West section lines.

NW 1/4 S7, T.4N., R.4W.

Section 7 HE Entry 1/12/53

T.4N., R.4W.
Survey Approved June 8, 1952

Case 3

IS THERE AN SLE ON THE NORTH BOUNDARY?

THE FACTS

SURVEY DATE: 6/8/52

ACCEPTANCE: NOT UNTIL 3/21/53

LAND RESERVED: 1/12/53

Similar to Case 1, but...

NW 1/4 S7, T.4N., R.4W.

Diagram details: A survey grid showing Section 7 (T.4N., R.4W.) with a north-south boundary line. The NW 1/4 is highlighted. A note says "No SLE". The survey was approved on June 8, 1952. A Homestead Entry (HE) was made on 1/12/53. A north arrow is shown.

Case 3

WHEN THE SURVEY WAS APPROVED IN 1952, THE RS-2477 GRANT ACCEPTANCE HAD BEEN REPEALED.

THE RS-2477 ACCEPTANCE WAS REINSTATED ON MARCH 21, 1953.

AS THE SURVEY WAS APPROVED DURING THE PERIOD OF NON-ACCEPTANCE AND THE HOMESTEAD ENTRY DATE PRECEDED THE RS-2477 ACCEPTANCE IN MARCH OF 1953, AN SLE COULD NOT EXIST ON THE NORTH SECTION LINE BOUNDARY.

THERE IS NO SLE ON THE NORTHERLY BOUNDARY

Similar to Case 1 but for the land being reserved prior to RS-2477 Acceptance.

Section 1, T.4N., R.5W.

Diagram details: A survey grid showing Section 1 (T.4N., R.5W.) with a north-south boundary line. A note says "S1 Patent to ANCSA Corp. 9/25/84". The survey was approved on July 12, 1977. A north arrow is shown.

Case 4

THE FACTS

SURVEY DATE: 7/12/77

RS-2477 ACCEPTANCE: 3/21/53

ANCSA LAND PATENT: 9/25/84

IS THERE AN SLE ON THE SOUTH BOUNDARY?

Patent date not relevant, the date of reserved land status is...

Section 1, T.4N., R.5W.

Case 4

THERE IS NO SLE ON THE SOUTHERLY BOUNDARY

WHEN THE SURVEY WAS APPROVED IN 1977, THE RS-2477 GRANT OFFER HAD ALREADY BEEN REPEALED BY TITLE VII OF FLPMA ON OCTOBER 21, 1976.

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AS THE RS-2477 OFFER WAS NOT IN PLACE AT THE TIME OF SURVEY APPROVAL, THERE COULD BE NO SLE ON THE SOUTHERLY BOUNDARY.

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FOR AN SLE TO EXIST, THE SURVEY APPROVAL WOULD HAVE MOST LIKELY BEEN NECESSARY PRIOR TO DECEMBER 14, 1968.

Unless the ANCSA Corp selected land with older surveys, generally there would not be an RS-2477 SLE.

NW 1/4 S36, T.5N., R.5W.

Case 5

IS THERE AN SLE ON THE NORTH BOUNDARY?

THE FACTS

SURVEY DATE: 6/6/13

RS-2477 ACCEPTANCE: 4/6/23

LAND RESERVED: 11/15/33

Another basic 160 acre Homestead entry...

NW ¼ S36, T.5N.,R.5W.

Case 5

Survey Approved:
June 6, 1913

T.5N., R.5W.

33' SLE

NW 1/4

Section 36
HE Entry
11/15/33

WHEN THE SURVEY WAS APPROVED IN 1913, THE RS-2477 GRANT HAD NOT YET BEEN ACCEPTED.

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THE TERRITORY ACCEPTED THE RS-2477 GRANT ON APRIL 6, 1923.

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AS THE SUBJECT PROPERTY WAS UNRESERVED ON THE DATE OF RS-2477 ACCEPTANCE, THERE WOULD BE A 33' (2-ROD) WIDE SLE ON THE NORTH SECTION LINE BOUNDARY.

A 33' FEDERAL SLE EXISTS ON THE N. BOUNDARY

33' SLE attaches as soon as the initial acceptance came into effect.

Section 31, T.5N.,R.4W.

Case 6

MS Location
2/23/44

Survey Approved
May 20, 1950

T.5N., R.4W.

S31 Patent to
State 2/13/70

THE FACTS

TWP. SURVEY DATE: 5/20/50

ACCEPTANCE: NOT UNTIL 3/21/53

LAND RESERVED - MINERAL
SURVEY LOCATION: 2/23/44

PATENT TO STATE: 2/13/70

IS THERE AN SLE ON THE NORTH BOUNDARY?

Non Rectangular parcel – A Mineral Survey.

Section 31, T.5N., R.4W.

Case 6

MS Location
2/23/44

Survey Approved
May 20, 1950

50' SLE

50' SLE

T.5N., R.4W.

S31 Patent to
State 2/13/70

WHEN THE SURVEY WAS APPROVED IN 1950, THE RS-2477 GRANT ACCEPTANCE HAD BEEN REPEALED. EVEN IF THE ACCEPTANCE HAD BEEN IN PLACE, THE MS LOCATION DATE IN 1944 HAD PRECEDED THE TOWNSHIP SURVEY APPROVAL DATE.

ON MARCH 26, 1951 CH. 123 SLA 1951 PROVIDED FOR 100' WIDE STATE/TERRITORIAL SLES.

ONCE THE STATE RECEIVED PATENT IN 1970, THE LAND (EXCLUDING THE PATENTED MINERAL SURVEY) WAS SUBJECT TO A 100' WIDE SLE.

A 50' STATE SLE EXISTS ALONG PART OF THE NORTHERLY BOUNDARY

The Mineral Survey preceded and was not a part of the Rectangular System so no SLE can exist across it.

When You Come To A Fork In The Road, Take It...

The End

February 22, 2013

The End.