

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
MIDDLE DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA

DOMINION OKLAHOMA TEXAS  
EXPLORATION & PRODUCTION, INC.,  
SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO AMERICAN  
EXPLORATION COMPANY

CIVIL ACTION  
NO. 10-599-RET-DLD

VERSUS

ACE AMERICAN INSURANCE COMPANY,  
ET AL

ORDER

The court *sua sponte* notes the potential insufficiency of the removing defendants' allegation of the citizenship of the parties as follows;

1. \_\_\_\_\_ A party invoking diversity jurisdiction must allege the *citizenship* rather than mere residence of an individual. In addition, see 28 U.S.C. §1332(c)(2) for infants, minors and an incompetent. The *citizenship* of \_\_\_\_\_ is not provided.
2. X A party invoking diversity jurisdiction must allege both the state of incorporation and principal place of business of each corporate party. *See, e.g., Illinois Central Gulf Railroad Co. v. Pargas, Inc., 706 F.2d 633 (5<sup>th</sup> Cir. 1983).* The principal place of business of plaintiff, Dominion Oklahoma Texas Exploration & Production, Inc., successor by merger to American Exploration Company, is not provided.<sup>1</sup>
3. \_\_\_\_\_ A party invoking diversity jurisdiction must allege both the state of incorporation and principal place of business of each corporate party. *See, e.g., Illinois Central Gulf Railroad Co. v. Pargas, Inc., 706 F.2d 633 (5<sup>th</sup> Cir. 1983).* **Even when a liability insurer takes on its insured's citizenship under 28 U.S.C. § 1332(c)(1), its own citizenship still is considered in determining whether complete diversity exists.** The state of incorporation and principal place of business of \_ is not provided.<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup>The phrase "principal place of business" in §1332(c)(1) refers to the place where a corporation's high level officers direct, control, and coordinate the corporation's activities, *i.e.*, its "nerve center," which will typically be found at its corporate headquarters. *The Hertz Corporation v. Melinda Friend, et al., 559 U. S. \_\_\_\_\_ (2010)*


<sup>2</sup>See footnote 1.

4. \_\_\_\_\_ A party invoking diversity jurisdiction must properly allege the citizenship of a limited liability company. The citizenship of a limited liability company for diversity purposes is determined by the citizenship of its members. See Harvey v. Grey Wolf Drilling Co., 542 F.3d 1077, 1080 (5<sup>th</sup> Cir. 2008). The citizenship of \_\_\_\_\_ is not provided.
5. \_\_\_\_\_ A party invoking diversity jurisdiction must properly allege the citizenship of a general partnership and a limited liability partnership. For a general partnership, case law suggests that a partnership has the citizenship of each one of its partners. See International Paper Co. v. Denkmann Assoc., 116 F.3d 134, 137 (5<sup>th</sup> Cir. 1997). A limited liability partnership or L.L.P. also has the citizenship of each one of its partners, both general and limited. See Carden v. Arkoma Associates, 494 U.S. 185, 110 S.Ct. 1014, 108 L.Ed.2d 157 (1990). The citizenship of \_\_\_\_\_ is not provided.
6. \_\_\_\_\_ A party invoking diversity jurisdiction must properly allege the citizenship of Underwriters at Lloyd's, London. The citizenship of Underwriters at Lloyd's, London has not been provided. See Corfield v. Dallas Glen Hills LP, 355 F.3d 853 (5<sup>th</sup> Cir. 2003), *cert. denied*, 541 U.S. 1073, 124 S.Ct. 2421, 158 L.Ed.2d 983 (2004).
7. \_\_\_\_\_ A party invoking diversity jurisdiction must properly allege the citizenship of a sole proprietorship. A business entity cannot be both a corporation and sole proprietorship; therefore the court seeks to clarify the identity of plaintiff/defendant. Case law suggests that the citizenship of a sole proprietorship for diversity purposes is determined by the citizenship of its members and/or owners. See Linder Enterprises v. Martinringle, 2007 WL 3095382 (N.D. Tex.). The citizenship of \_\_\_\_\_ is not provided.

Accordingly,

**IT IS ORDERED**, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §1653, that, on or before **November 19, 2010**, the removing defendants shall file an amended notice of removal providing the citizenship of plaintiff, Dominion Oklahoma Texas Exploration & Production, Inc., successor by merger to American Exploration Company, by setting forth all citizenship particulars required to sustain federal diversity jurisdiction.

Signed in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, on November 9, 2010.

  
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**MAGISTRATE JUDGE DOCIA L. DALBY**