

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
BEFORE THE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE

In re:)	AWG Docket No. 09-0077
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Jackie Head)	
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Petitioner)	Dismissal of Petition

Pursuant to the Hearing Notice issued on July 6, 2009, a hearing by telephone to be preceded by a teleconference was scheduled and held on July 21, 2009 at 10 AM Eastern Time. Respondents' representatives were present. Petitioner was not. Petitioner also failed to comply with a Prehearing Order I previously issued on April 3, 2009, that required him to file by June 5, 2009, lists of exhibits and witnesses, and a narrative describing why he cannot pay the alleged debt and indicating what portion of the alleged debt he is able to pay through garnishment. The July 6, 2009 Hearing Notice gave Petitioner another opportunity to file these materials together with financial information by July 10, 2009, and directed him to provide a telephone number where he could be reached on the day of the hearing. Petitioner did not comply in any way with these directions or made any attempt to contact my office.

Under these circumstances, his petition is hereby dismissed and the proceedings to garnish his wages may be continued at the rate of 15% of his disposable income as allowed by applicable Federal regulations.

Dated: July 29, 2009

Victor W. Palmer
Administrative Law Judge