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**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
BEFORE THE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE**

In re:)	AWG Docket No. 10-0317
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Ruby Jefferson,)	
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Petitioner)	Dismissal of Petition

Pursuant to a Hearing Notice issued on August 6, 2010, I scheduled a hearing by telephone for September 2, 2010, 2:30 P.M. Eastern Time. Respondents' representative, Mary Kimball participated, but Petitioner did not and did not comply with a Prehearing Order that was part of the Hearing Notice which required her to file by August 24, 2010, lists of exhibits and witnesses, and a narrative concerning the facts surrounding the alleged debt; documents she believes should be considered respecting the debt's existence; information describing why she cannot pay the alleged debt; and indicating what portion of the alleged debt she is able to pay through wage garnishment. She did not do so. The Hearing Notice further instructed Petitioner to immediately contact my secretary and provide a telephone number where she could be reached for the scheduled September 2, 2010 hearing by telephone. Petitioner did not do so. Moreover, several unsuccessful attempts were made by my secretary to contact Petitioner before the hearing and at the time of the hearing at the telephone number she listed on her Request for Hearing.

Accordingly, the petition is hereby **DISMISSED**, and the proceeding to garnish Petitioner's wages may be resumed at the applicable percentage rate of her disposable income allowed by Federal regulations.

Dated September 3, 2010



Victor W. Palmer
Administrative Law Judge