

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
BEFORE THE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE

In re:)	
)	AWG Docket No. 11-0020
Lisa Nix,)	
)	Order Dismissing Case
Petitioner)	Without Prejudice

This matter is before me upon the request of the Petitioner, Lisa Nix (currently known as Lisa L. Robertson), for a hearing in response to efforts of Respondent, USDA's Rural Development Agency, Rural Housing Service, to institute a federal administrative wage garnishment against her. On January 11, 2011, I issued a Pre-hearing Order setting the date for the hearing and requiring the parties to exchange information concerning the amount of the debt.

Ms. Nix had already filed for Chapter 7 bankruptcy. She filed her petition on September 15, 2010, in the U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Northern District of Mississippi (Aberdeen), Case No. 10-14441.

As a result of Ms. Nix's Chapter 7 bankruptcy filing, Rural Development will not pursue any type of collection on the debt owed to USDA at this time. Rural Development recalled the debt from Treasury and will monitor the bankruptcy proceedings to determine the outcome. If the debt is discharged in bankruptcy, USDA Rural Development will not pursue any collection effort; if the debt is not discharged in bankruptcy, USDA Rural

Development may return the debt to Treasury for future collection efforts such as wage garnishment.

Accordingly, this case is dismissed, without prejudice to Ms. Nix to request a hearing, should garnishment be noticed.

Copies of this Order Dismissing Case Without Prejudice shall be served by the Hearing Clerk upon each of the parties.

Done at Washington, D.C.
this 20th day of January 2011

Stephen M. Reilly
Hearing Official