

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

In re:	)	
	)	<b>AWG Docket No. 11-0103</b>
Stephanie Oswald	)	
	)	<b>Order Dismissing Case</b>
Petitioner	)	<b>Without Prejudice</b>

The Petitioner is Stephanie Oswald, also known as Stephanie Elizabeth Oswald (“Petitioner Oswald”). The Respondent Agency is Rural Development, United States Department of Agriculture (“USDA Rural Development”). USDA Rural Development is represented by Mary E. Kimball.

A telephone hearing was scheduled for March 17, 2011, but a filing from Ron L. Yandell, Esq., shows that Petitioner Oswald filed for Chapter 7 bankruptcy, on March 4, 2011, in the U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Northern District of Texas (Wichita Falls Division), Case # 11-70089. Accordingly, the telephone hearing is CANCELED.

As a result of Petitioner Oswald’s Chapter 7 bankruptcy filing, USDA Rural Development will not at this time pursue any type of collection on the debt owed to USDA. I anticipate that USDA Rural Development will recall the debt from Treasury and will monitor the bankruptcy 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 Petitioner Oswald to request a hearing timely, should garnishment be noticed.

Copies of this Order Dismissing Case shall be served by the Hearing Clerk upon each of the parties. The Hearing Clerk shall also send a **courtesy copy** to Petitioner Oswald’s bankruptcy attorney, Ron L. Yandell (see next page).

Done at Washington, D.C.  
this 7<sup>th</sup> day of March 2011

s/ Jill S. Clifton

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