

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

In re:	)	
	)	<b>AWG Docket No. 11-0161</b>
Lynnette Ruple	)	
	)	<b>Order Dismissing Case</b>
Petitioner	)	<b>Without Prejudice</b>

The Petitioner is Lynnette R. Ruple (“Petitioner Ruple”). 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 begun as scheduled on April 27, 2011, with Ms. Kimball participating, and then Petitioner’s husband Troy Ruple joined the call. Mr. Ruple reported, and Ms. Kimball has now confirmed that Petitioner Ruple filed for Chapter 7 bankruptcy, on June 9, 2011, in the U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Eastern District of Michigan (Detroit), Case #: 11- 56222.

As a result of Ms. Ruple’s Chapter 7 bankruptcy filing, USDA Rural Development will not at this time pursue any type of collection on the debt owed to USDA. 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 DISMISSED, without prejudice to Petitioner Ruple 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, **together with** copies of the enclosed email from Ms. Kimball. The Hearing Clerk shall also send courtesy copies to Petitioner Ruple’s bankruptcy attorney (see next page).

Done at Washington, D.C.  
this 14<sup>th</sup> day of June 2011

s/ Jill S. Clifton

Jill S. Clifton  
Administrative Law Judge

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