

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
BEFORE THE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE

In re:)	AWG Docket No. 11-0187
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Tommy Bowman,)	
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Petitioner)	Dismissal of Petition

Pursuant to a Hearing Notice and Prehearing Order, I scheduled a hearing by telephone for June 16, 2011, 2:30 P.M. Eastern Time. Respondent's representative, Mary Kimball, made herself available to participate, but Petitioner did not. The Prehearing Order instructed Petitioner to immediately contact my secretary and provide a telephone number where he could be reached for the scheduled June 16, 2011 hearing by telephone. Petitioner did not respond; did not provide a different telephone number from the one shown on the Petition; and he did not provide any of the financial information or other data that he was directed by the Notice to provide. My secretary called him at the listed phone number three times on the scheduled hearing day, but only received his recorded voicemail message, and Petitioner did not make himself available at the time of the hearing. He also did not call to explain why he was unavailable.

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

Dated: June 17, 2011

Victor W. Palmer
Administrative Law Judge