

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
BEFORE THE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE

Docket No. 13-0130

In re: NICOLE BRANTLEY,

Petitioner

**DECISION AND ORDER DISMISSING CASE  
AND CANCELING HEARING**

The instant matter involves a petition for a hearing to determine the validity of an alleged indebtedness of Nicole Brantley (“Petitioner”) to the Rural Development Agency of the United States Department of Agriculture (“RD-USDA”). A request for wage garnishment had been filed, and Petitioner challenged that action. A hearing was scheduled in this matter for March 14, 2013. Before the hearing was scheduled to commence, RD-USDA advised that Petitioner had filed for protection under Chapter 7 of 11 U.S.C. §727. Accordingly, the automatic stay invoked by the Bankruptcy Code requires termination of the wage garnishment action, and the hearing was canceled.

The instant administrative wage garnishment proceeding is terminated and this action is **DISMISSED**, with prejudice.

Copies of this Order shall be served upon the parties by the Hearing Clerk.

So ORDERED this 15<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2013 in Washington, D.C.

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Janice K. Bullard  
Administrative Law Judge