

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
BEFORE THE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE

Docket No. 12-0571

In re: Joyce Woodruff,
Petitioner.

Decision and Order Dismissing Action

This matter is before the Office of Administrative Law Judges upon the untimely request of Joyce Woodruff (“Petitioner”) for a hearing to address the existence or amount of a debt alleged to be due to the United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development (“USDA-RD”); and if established, the terms of any repayment prior to imposition of an administrative wage garnishment. By Order issued March 13, 2013, a hearing was set to commence in this matter on April 9, 2013 and Petitioner was instructed to provide contact information. Petitioner did not provide contact information or information about her financial status. It is presumed that Petitioner received my Order, as it was not returned as undeliverable by the United States Post Office. USDA-RD filed a Narrative, together with supporting documentation.

On the date of the hearing, USDA-RD’s representative 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.

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

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

So Ordered this 9th day of April, 2013 in Washington, D.C.

Janice K. Bullard
Administrative Law Judge