

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
BEFORE THE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE

AWG Docket No. 10-0168

In re: BETTY OWENS,

Petitioner

ORDER

This matter was scheduled for hearing on May 26, 2010; however, on October 19, 2009, the Petitioner's husband filed a Chapter 13 petition in bankruptcy in the United States bankruptcy Court for Western District of Virginia. As a co debtor, the Petitioner is protected by the automatic stay provisions of the Bankruptcy Act. The wage garnishment proceedings will be withdrawn until such time as her husband's case is discharged, dismissed, or converted to a Chapter 7 case.

Accordingly, this action will be **DISMISSED**, without prejudice.

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

Done at Washington, D.C.
April 14, 2010

PETER M. DAVENPORT
Acting Chief Administrative Law Judge

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