

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
BEFORE THE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE

In re:)	
)	AWG Docket No. 10-0405
Sean Rieland)	
)	Order Dismissing Case
Petitioner)	Without Prejudice

The Petitioner is Sean Rieland, also known as Sean Michael Rieland (“Petitioner Rieland”). 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 that was scheduled to resume March 1, 2011 was not held, because Petitioner Rieland had filed for bankruptcy. See enclosed email received today from Ms. Kimball. Petitioner Rieland filed for Chapter 7 bankruptcy on February 8, 2011, in the U.S. Bankruptcy Court, District of Minnesota (Fergus Falls), Bankruptcy Petition #: 11-60114.

As a result of Petitioner Rieland’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 Rieland to request a hearing timely, should garnishment be noticed.

Copies of this Order Dismissing Case Without Prejudice shall be served by the Hearing Clerk upon each of the parties, **together with** the copies of the enclosed email from Ms. Kimball. The Hearing Clerk shall also send courtesy copies to Petitioner Rieland’s bankruptcy attorney (see next page).

Done at Washington, D.C.
this 1st day of March 2011

s/ Jill S. Clifton

Jill S. Clifton
Administrative Law Judge

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