

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
BEFORE THE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE

Docket No. 12-0218

In re: CHAD HILTNER,

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 Chad Hiltner (“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 and requested a hearing. On February 15, 2012, the representative for RD-USDA advised that Petitioner had filed a petition in bankruptcy under Chapter 7 of 11 U.S.C. Accordingly, wage garnishment is inappropriate.

Therefore, the instant action is **DISMISSED** and any hearing scheduled is **CANCELED**.

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

So ORDERED this _____ date of February, 2012 in Washington, D.C.

Janice K. Bullard
Administrative Law Judge