

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT  
OFFICE OF HEARINGS AND APPEALS

In the Matter of:

BRENT WHITSMAN,

Petitioner.

23-AM-0022-AG-012  
(Claim No. 780691496)

November 14, 2023

**ORDER OF DISMISSAL**

On December 7, 2022, the Court received Petitioner's *Hearing Request* wherein Petitioner disputed the amount of the debt claimed by the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development ("HUD"), and further claimed that garnishment would cause financial hardship. Thereafter, the Court ordered the Secretary and Petitioner to file documentary evidence in support of their respective positions. The Secretary complied with the Court's order and filed a Secretary's Statement and supporting evidence on January 20, 2023. Petitioner did not comply or otherwise respond.

Having not received a timely filing from Petitioner, the Court ordered Petitioner to show cause as to why this appeal should not be dismissed. Again, Petitioner did not comply or respond.

When a party fails to comply with an order of the Court, the Court may impose a sanction that reasonably relates to the severity and nature of the failure. 24 C.F.R. § 26.4. If a party fails to prosecute or defend an action, dismissal of the matter or a decision against that party may also be imposed. *Id.* at § 26.4(d).

To date, Petitioner has not complied with the Court's orders or otherwise produced evidence in support of his position that the amount of the debt is incorrect or that the proposed garnishment would cause him financial hardship. Accordingly, this matter is **DISMISSED**, and the stay of proceedings issued on December 14, 2022, is hereby **VACATED**.

So **ORDERED**,

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Administrative Law Judge