

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
BEFORE THE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE

In re:)	AWG Docket No.11-0238
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Rebecca Mottice,)	
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Petitioner)	DECISION AND ORDER

This matter is before me upon the request of the Petitioner, Rebecca Mottice, for a hearing to contest the efforts of the Respondent, USDA/Rural Development, to garnish her wages in order to collect rental assistance it provided her. A Notice of Hearing was issued that a hearing would be conducted by telephone on August 4, 2011, at 2:30 P.M. Eastern Time. Esther McQuaid and M. Christine Fisher, representing the Respondent, USDA, were available at the time of the scheduled hearing but Ms. Mottice was not. Attempts to contact her by telephone were unsuccessful. Respondent had filed exhibits, and was available to give testimony in their support, that showed Ms. Mottice had received \$612.00 more in rental assistance from USDA, Rural Development, than she was entitled to receive. She presently owes this amount plus \$171.36 for collection fees to Treasury, or \$783.36 total.

Accordingly, the petition is hereby dismissed, and Respondent is entitled to administratively garnish the wages of the Petitioner subject to the limitations set forth in 31 C.F.R. § 285.11 (i).

Copies of this Decision and Order shall be served upon the parties by the Hearing Clerk's Office.

September 8, 2011

Victor W. Palmer
Administrative Law Judge