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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
BEFORE THE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE

In re:

Gary Grant (for the Estate of Mathew and Florenza Grant) (Docket No. **17-0230**);

Rod Bradshaw (Individual and Estate of) (Docket No. **17-0231**);

Greg Earves (Docket No. **17-0232**);

Henry Burriss (Docket No. **17-0233**);

Franklin Kirksey (Docket No. **17-0234**);

Wilbert Fitzgerald a/k/a Wilbert Fitzgerald (Docket No. **17-0235**);

Haywood Hollingsworth (Docket No. **17-0236**);

Charles Denard (Docket No. **17-0237**);

Robert Lee Hill (Docket No. **17-0238**);

Richard Glenn (Docket No. **17-0239**);

Abraham Carpenter (Docket No. **17-0240**);

Felder Daniel a/k/a Felder Daniels (Docket No. **17-0241**); and

Willie Head (Docket No. **17-0242**),

Petitioners,

Dismissal (With Prejudice)

Appearances:

Mr. Corey Lea, representative for Petitioners; and

Mr. Juan Carlos Alarcon, Esq. with the Office of the General Counsel, Civil Rights Litigation Division, United States Department of Agriculture, Washington D.C.

1. I have carefully reviewed the Petitioners' Request for a Formal Hearing Before the Administrative Law Judge filed March 24, 2017; and the Agency Responses filed April 12, 2017, a separate Response for each docket number (**17-0230**, **17-0231**, **17-0232**, **17-0233**, **17-0234**, **17-0235**, **17-0236**, **17-0237**, **17-0238**, **17-0239**, **17-0240**, **17-0241**, and **17-0242**).

2. I conclude that Administrative Law Judges have no authority to grant the relief requested, as stated in the Agency Responses. Consequently, the case of Gary Grant (for the Estate of Mathew and Florenza Grant) (Docket No. **17-0230**); Rod Bradshaw (Individual and Estate of) (Docket No. **17-0231**); Greg Earves (Docket No. **17-0232**); Henry Burris (Docket No. **17-0233**); Franklin Kirksey (Docket No. **17-0234**); Wilbert Fitzgerald a/k/a Wilbert Fitzgerald (Docket No. **17-0235**); Haywood Hollingsworth (Docket No. **17-0236**); Charles Denard (Docket No. **17-0237**); Robert Lee Hill (Docket No. **17-0238**); Richard Glenn (Docket No. **17-0239**); Abraham Carpenter (Docket No. **17-0240**); Felder Daniel a/k/a Felder Daniels (Docket No. **17-0241**); and Willie Head (Docket No. **17-0242**), Petitioners, is DISMISSED (With Prejudice).

Copies of this Dismissal (With Prejudice) order shall be served by the Hearing Clerk upon each of the parties.

Done at Washington, D.C.
this 12th day of May 2017



Jill S. Clifton
Administrative Law Judge

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