

Office of Appeals U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Washington, D.C. 20410-0001

In the Matter of:

Eric J. Klatzke,

Petitioner

HUDOA No.

11-H-NY-AWG36

Claim No.

Pro se

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For the Secretary

RULING ON SECRETARY'S MOTION TO DISMISS

On December 20, 2010, Petitioner filed a timely request to present evidence that an alleged past-due, legally enforceable debt of Petitioner to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development ("HUD") should not be collected by the Secretary by means of administrative wage garnishment.

Pursuant to 24 C.F.R. §§ 17.170, 20.4(b), and 31 C.F.R. § 285.11(f), the administrative judges of the HUD Office of Appeals are authorized to determine whether certain debts exist and are legally enforceable and whether they can be collected by means of administrative wage garnishment. As a result of Petitioner's request, referral of the debt to the U.S. Department of the Treasury was temporarily stayed by this Office on December 22, 2010. (Notice of Docketing, Order, and Stay of Referral, dated December 22, 2010.)

On January 14, 2011, a Motion to Dismiss was filed by the Secretary in which the Secretary stated that "HUD is dismissing without prejudice its action to pursue Administrative Wage Garnishment as additional garnishment beyond Petitioner's current

withholding Order with priority would exceed the maximum allowable under the statute." (Motion to Dismiss, Ex. A, Attach., Declaration of Brian Dillon.)

Upon due consideration, the Secretary's motion is **GRANTED**. It is hereby

ORDERED that the Secretary shall not seek to collect the claimed debt of Petitioner by means of administrative wage garnishment because Petitioner's wages are already being garnished.

This matter is **DISMISSED WITHOUT PREJUDICE** to renew the application at such time as Petitioner should become eligible for wage garnishment.

Administrative Judge

January 21, 2011