

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

In the Matter of:

JAMES BUFORD,

Petitioner.

22-AM-0192-AG-122
(Claim No. 721013986)

October 17, 2023

ORDER OF DISMISSAL

On August 10, 2022, the Court received Petitioner's *Hearing Request* wherein Petitioner disputed the existence of the debt claimed by the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development ("HUD"). 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 September 16, 2022. 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 their 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 their position that they do not owe the alleged debt. Accordingly, this matter is **DISMISSED**, and the stay of proceedings issued on August 24, 2022 is hereby **VACATED**.

So **ORDERED**,

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Administrative Law Judge