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

In the Matter of:

HEATHER CARROZZA,

Petitioner.

23-AM-0044-AO-007 (Claim No. 7-210191720A)

June 27, 2024

## ORDER OF DISMISSAL

On January 17, 2023, the Tribunal 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 Tribunal ordered the Secretary and Petitioner to file documentary evidence in support of their respective positions. Neither party complied with that order.

Having not received a timely filing from the Secretary or Petitioner, the Tribunal ordered parties to file documentary evidence as to why the action should not be dismissed. The Secretary complied with the Tribunal's order and filed a Secretary's Statement and supporting evidence on September 20, 2023. Again, Petitioner did not comply or otherwise respond.

When a party fails to comply with an order of the Tribunal, the Tribunal 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. <u>Id.</u> at § 26.4(d).

To date, Petitioner has not complied with the Tribunal's orders or otherwise produced evidence in support of her position that she does not owe the alleged debt. Accordingly, this matter is **DISMISSED**, and the stay of proceedings issued on January 17, 2023, is hereby **VACATED**.

So ORDERED,

ALEXANDER FERNANDEZ-PONS Digitally signed by: ALEXANDER FERNANDEZ-PONS DN: CN = ALEXANDER FERNANDEZ-PONS C = US O = U.S. Government OU = Department of Housing and Urban Development, Office of the Secretary Pater 2024 06 27 11:34:14. D4(20)

Alexander Fernández-Pons Administrative Law Judge