

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

In the Matter of:

KATHLEEN WOODARD,

Petitioner.

24-JM-0204-OH-003

September 23, 2024

**ORDER OF DISMISSAL**

A request for hearing in this matter was received on March 21, 2024, and assigned to the undersigned for hearing pursuant to 31 U.S.C. § 3716(a)(3) and/or 5 U.S.C. § 5514 as implemented by 24 C.F.R. Part 17, Subpart C. In this matter, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (“HUD” or the “Department”) alleges Petitioner is indebted to it in the amounts of \$967.88 for Federal Employee Health Benefits and \$2,147.04 for advanced sick leave. HUD seeks to recover the alleged debt by administratively offsetting Petitioner’s Social Security payments. See 24 C.F.R. §§ 17.65 *et seq.*

On April 4, 2024, the Court issued a *Notice and Scheduling Order* (“*Notice*”) setting a hearing limited to review of the written record. The *Notice* also ordered Petitioner to file, on or before May 14, 2024, an appearance before the Court and a response admitting or denying the existence or amount of any part of either debt along with supporting documentary evidence. The Court received no response from Petitioner.

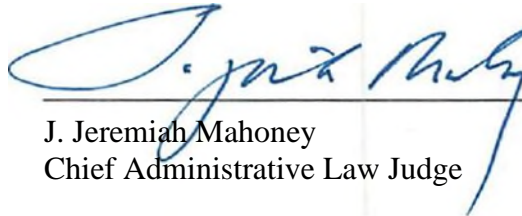
On August 5, 2024, the Court issued an *Order for Petitioner to Show Cause Why This Case Should Not Be Dismissed*. Therein, the Court ordered Petitioner to respond as instructed by August 16, 2024. Petitioner was further warned that failure to do so would result in dismissal of this matter with prejudice in favor of HUD. Again, the Court received no response from Petitioner. Accordingly, this matter is dismissed with prejudice.

**ORDER**

As Petitioner failed to: respond to the Court’s repeated orders to enter an appearance; admit or deny the existence or amount of any part of either debt; and provide supporting documentary evidence, this matter is **DISMISSED**. It is:

**FURTHER ORDERED** that the Order imposing the *Stay of Collection Proceedings* in this matter staying the offset of any federal payment due is **VACATED**. Any Departmental action thereafter shall be undertaken in a manner consistent with this decision.

**SO ORDERED,**



J. Jeremiah Mahoney  
Chief Administrative Law Judge

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**Finality of Decision.** Pursuant to 24 C.F.R. § 17.73(a), this constitutes the final agency action for the purposes of judicial review under the Administrative Procedure Act (5 U.S.C. § 701 *et seq.*).