

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

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF  
HOUSING AND URBAN  
DEVELOPMENT,

Petitioner,

v.

TEAM USA MORTGAGE, LLC,

Respondent.

January 7, 2019

OGC No. 17-0057-PF

OHA No.18-AF-0078-PF-006

**SECRETARIAL ORDER FOR STAY AND EXTENSION OF TIME FOR APPEAL  
~~[Proposed Order]~~**

A U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (“HUD”) Administrative Law Judge (“ALJ”) issued a Corrected Initial Decision and Order in the above-captioned matter on December 6, 2018. Counsel for HUD then submitted a motion for a stay and an extension of time to the Secretary pursuant to 24 C.F.R. § 26.52 due to the government shutdown. The deadline for appeals would ordinarily be January 7, 2019, after accounting for the fact that the last day of the period would fall on a weekend. 24 C.F.R. § 26.31. The Secretary or Secretary’s Designee may order the extension of the time for appeal for good cause, however.

Due to a lapse in funding, HUD’s operations were temporarily shutdown as of midnight on December 22, 2018. Employees of affected agencies may not conduct normal business activities during a governmental shutdown unless excepted by law. *See, e.g.,* <https://www.opm.gov/policy-data-oversight/pay-leave/furlough-guidance/> (last visited January 4, 2019). Consequently, HUD’s counsel is unable to prosecute any appeal of the above-captioned matter. HUD counsel has been unable to work on any appeal in the above-captioned matter since December 22, 2018, and will be unable to do so through the sixteen-day period ending on January 7, 2019, and will continue to be unable to do so for so long as the governmental shutdown continues to affect HUD.

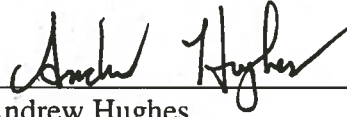
HUD’s Motion is therefore GRANTED, and it is ORDERED as follows:

1. Good cause exists for a stay and an extension of the appeal period pursuant to 24 C.F.R. § 26.52.

2. The period for any appeal in the above-captioned matter is stayed pending resumption of normal business operations at HUD.
3. The time allotted for an appeal in this matter shall be extended by a period of sixteen days after the date on which HUD returns to normal business operations.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated this 7<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2019

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Andrew Hughes  
Secretarial Designee