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

In the Matter of:

Jennifer St. Clair,

16-VH-0065-AG-024

2012031065C

Petitioner.

July 18, 2016

ORDER GRANTING DISMISSAL

On July 15, 2016, the Secretary filed a *Motion to Dismiss (Motion)* seeking to dismiss, without prejudice, its action to pursue collection of the subject debt by means of administrative garnishment because "Petitioner filed a Chapter 7 Bankruptcy Petition (Petitioner # 16-01024-als7) before the U. S. Bankruptcy Court, Southern District of Iowa, on May 16, 2016. The Bankruptcy matter is currently pending." Upon due consideration, and for good cause shown, the *Motion* is **GRANTED**.

Pending the outcome of the Chapter 7 bankruptcy proceeding, the Secretary shall not seek to collect the claimed debt of Petitioner by means of administrative garnishment. However, the Secretary shall retain the right to collect this debt from Petitioner by any means available under the law should the bankruptcy case be dismissed or the debt owed to HUD not be discharged for any reason.

The stay of referral shall remain in place until such time as the status of the Chapter 7 bankruptcy proceeding is determined.

This matter of HUDOHA #16-VH-0065-AG-024 is **DISMISSED WITHOUT PREJUDICE**. It is

SO ORDERED.

Vanessa L. Hall Administrative Judge