

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

In the Matter of:

**Andrew Stipe,**

Petitioner,

20-AM-0034-AG-018

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January 15, 2020

**RULING AND ORDER OF DISMISSAL**

On November 18, 2019, Petitioner was ordered to file documentary evidence, on or before January 3, 2020, to prove that Petitioner is not indebted to the Department in the amounts claimed by the Secretary. *Notice of Docketing, Order, and Stay of Referral* ("Order"). Petitioner failed to comply with this *Order*. The *Order* specifically required Petitioner to file documentary evidence to support his position in this case, and permitted him to file an affidavit, declaration, or other evidence supporting any claim of financial hardship. Having failed to provide particularized evidence of financial hardship, the Court, therefore, finds that Petitioner is indebted to the Department in the amounts claimed by the Secretary. Accordingly, Petitioner's appeal is DISMISSED, *sua sponte*, and *without prejudice*. It is

**ORDERED** that the Secretary is authorized to seek collection of Petitioner's indebtedness to the Department in the amounts claimed by the Secretary, and at the maximum garnishment rate permitted under applicable regulations. It is

**FURTHER ORDERED** that the *Stay of Referral* of this matter to the U.S. Department of the Treasury entered in this case on November 18, 2019 is hereby **VACATED**.

**SO ORDERED,**



H. ALEXANDER MANUEL  
Administrative Judge

**APPEAL NOTICE:** You have the right to move for reconsideration of this case before the HUD Office of Hearings and Appeals within 20 days of the date of this ruling or decision; or, thereafter, to reopen this case. Ordinarily, such motions are not granted unless new evidence is provided that could not have been previously presented. You may also appeal this decision to the appropriate United States District Court. For wage garnishments cases, See 24 C.F.R. § 17.81, 31 C.F.R. § 285.119(f), and 5 U.S.C. 701, *et seq.* For administrative offset cases, See 24 C.F.R. § 17.73(a), and 5 U.S.C. § 701, *et seq.*