

Office of Appeals U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Washington, D.C. 20410-0001

In the Matter of: Catherine V. Thomas, Petitioner Catherine V. Thomas P.O. 384 McNeil, AR 71752 Amy Jo Conroy, Esq. U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

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RULING ON SECRETARY'S MOTION TO DISMISS

Petitioner was notified by a Due of Process Notice, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. §§ 3716 and 3720A, that the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development ("HUD") intended to seek administrative offset by the United States Department of the Treasury of any Federal payments due to Petitioner to recover a claimed past-due, legally enforceable debt of Petitioner to HUD.

Petitioner filed a timely request to present evidence that the debt was not past-due or not legally enforceable. Pursuant to 24 C.F.R. § 17.150 et. seq. and § 20.4(b), the administrative judges of the HUD Office of Appeals are authorized to determine whether these debts are past due and legally enforceable. As a result of Petitioner's request, referral of the debt to the U.S. Department of the Treasury was temporarily stayed by this Office on December 19, 2011.

On January 5, 2012, a Motion to Dismiss was filed on behalf of the Secretary advising this Office that "Petitioner has paid the outstanding debt in full."

Therefore, upon due consideration, the Secretary's Motion to Dismiss is **GRANTED**. It is hereby

ORDERED that the Secretary shall not seek to collect the claimed debt of Petitioner by means of administrative offset of any Federal payment due Petitioner. It is hereby

FURTHER ORDERED that the stay of referral of this matter to the Department of the Treasury is made permanent.

This matter is **DISMISSED WITH PREJUDICE**.

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Administrative Judge

January 5, 2012