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**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
BEFORE THE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE**

In re:) AWG Docket No. 10-0320
Billy Long,)
)
Petitioner)

Order Terminating Garnishment Proceedings

A hearing by telephone was held on September 23, 2010 at 12:00 PM Eastern Time. Both Petitioner and Mary E. Kimball, Accountant for the New Programs Initiatives Branch at USDA Rural Development in St. Louis, MO, gave sworn testimony. Mr. Long has paid over \$21,000 of the \$25,325.89 remaining debt owed to USDA RD after the sale of the home on 12/12/1997. Ms. Kimball advised that in light of the fact that USDA Rural Development has received a large portion of the debt Petitioner owed on the loan USDA Rural Development gave to finance the purchase of a house by Petitioner and his former wife, it is willing to cancel the remaining debt and not garnish Petitioner's wages.

Accordingly, the pending administrative wage garnishment proceeding is terminated and upon the remaining debt being received back from Treasury the debt shall be cancelled by USDA Rural Development.

Dated: 9/24/10



Victor W. Palmer
Administrative Law Judge