

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
BEFORE THE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE

Docket No. 13-0127

In re: ANNA K. STEWART, formerly known as FLETCHER,
Petitioner.

Decision and Order Dismissing Action

This matter is before the Office of Administrative Law Judges upon petition for a hearing filed by Anna K. Stewart, formerly known as Anna K. Fletcher (“Petitioner”). After Petitioner failed to appear at a telephonic hearing scheduled to commence on January 31, 2013, I issued a Decision and Order allowing wage garnishment by the United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development (“USDA-RD”). I subsequently granted Petitioner’s request of February 6, 2013 for a re-hearing and the second hearing was scheduled to commence on April 9, 2013.

On April 9, 2013, USDA-RD’s representative advised that Petitioner had filed for protection under Chapter 7 of 11 U.S.C. §727. Accordingly, the automatic stay invoked by the Bankruptcy Code requires termination of the wage garnishment action.

The instant administrative wage garnishment proceeding is terminated and this action is **DISMISSED**, with prejudice. The hearing is **canceled**.

Copies of this Order shall be served upon the parties by the Hearing Clerk

So Ordered this 9th day of April, 2013 in Washington, D.C.

Janice K. Bullard
Administrative Law Judge