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

Docket No. 15-0151 FNS

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH  
AND SOCIAL SERVICES OF GUAM,

Appellant,

v.

ADMINISTRATOR, FOOD AND NUTRITION SERVICE,  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE,

Appellee

**ORDER DIRECTING APPELLANT TO FILE PLEADINGS  
PURSUANT TO 7 C.F.R § 283.27**

On July 28, 2015, the Department of Public Health and Social Services of Guam (“Appellant”) filed an appeal pursuant to 7 C.F.R. § 283.24. In accordance with 7 C.F.R. § 283.25(e), on July 28, 2015, the Hearing Clerk for the Office of Administrative Law Judges sent to Appellant a letter acknowledging receipt of the appeal, assigning a docket number, and advising that a copy of the petition for appeal had been sent to the Administrator, Food and Nutrition Service of the United States Department of Agriculture (“Appellee”; “FNS”) and the Administrator’s counsel. The Hearing Clerk served the petition for appeal upon Appellee and counsel.

No answer has been filed by FNS. Accordingly, Appellant is hereby directed to file the pleadings set forth at 7 C.F.R. § 283.27 by not later than November 20, 2015. Appellant may file its pleadings with the Hearing Clerk by email at [OALJHearingClerks@ocio.usda.gov](mailto:OALJHearingClerks@ocio.usda.gov); by facsimile at 202-720-9776; or by mail to the Hearing Clerk, Office of Administrative Law Judges, United States Department of Agriculture, South Building, Room 1031-S, Washington,

DC 20250. It is recommended that mailed documents be sent by commercial carrier such as FedEx or UPS to avoid the delay caused by irradiation.

Copies of this Order shall be sent to the parties and counsel by the Hearing Clerk.

So ORDERED this 15<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2015, in Washington, D.C.



Janice K. Bullard  
Administrative Law Judge