

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
BEFORE THE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE

In re:) HPA Docket No. 13-0053
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Randall Jones,)
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Respondent)

Order Extending Time for Filing Mr. Jones's Appeal Petition

On April 9, 2014, Administrative Law Judge Janice K. Bullard [ALJ] issued a Decision Without Hearing by Entry of Default Against Respondent [Default Decision]. The Hearing Clerk served Randall Jones with the ALJ's Default Decision on April 29, 2014,¹ and on May 19, 2014, Mr. Jones filed a letter indicating some confusion regarding the time within which he was required to appeal the ALJ's Default Decision to the Judicial Officer.² In order to clarify the time within which Mr. Jones must file an appeal petition, I treat Mr. Jones's May 19, 2014, filing as a request for an extension of time to appeal the ALJ's Default Decision to the Judicial Officer. On April 15, 2015, Buren W. Kidd, counsel for Complainant, informed me by telephone that

¹Memorandum to the File, dated April 29, 2014, issued by Shawn C. Williams, Hearing Clerk.

²Specifically, Mr. Jones states in his May 19, 2014, filing: "Is a [sic] appeal necessary at this time?".

Complainant has no objection to my extending the time within which Mr. Jones may file an appeal petition; therefore, I extend the time for filing Mr. Jones's appeal petition to, and including, May 29, 2015.³

Done at Washington, DC

April 15, 2015

William G. Jenson
Judicial Officer

³The Hearing Clerk's office receives documents from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Eastern Time. To ensure timely filing, Mr. Jones must ensure his appeal petition is received by the Hearing Clerk no later than 4:30 p.m., Eastern Time, May 29, 2015.