

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
BEFORE THE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE

In re:) HPA Docket No. 13-0053
)
Randall Jones,)
Respondent) **Ruling Denying Mr. Jones’
Motion for Extension of Time**

On July 24, 2015, Randall Jones filed a motion to extend the time for filing a petition for reconsideration of *Jones*, No. 13-0053, 2015 WL 4538820 (U.S.D.A. June 29, 2015). On July 28, 2015, counsel for Kevin Shea, Acting Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, United States Department of Agriculture [Administrator], by telephone, informed the Office of the Judicial Officer that the Administrator opposes Mr. Jones’ motion for extension of time.

The rules of practice applicable to this proceeding¹ provide that a party to a proceeding may file a petition to reconsider the decision of the Judicial Officer within 10 days after the date of service of the decision upon the party filing the petition.²

¹The rules of practice applicable to this proceeding are the Rules of Practice Governing Formal Adjudicatory Proceedings Instituted by the Secretary Under Various Statutes (7 C.F.R. §§ 1.130-.151).

²7 C.F.R. § 1.146(a)(3).

The Hearing Clerk served Mr. Jones with *Jones*, No. 13-0053, 2015 WL 4538820 (U.S.D.A. June 29, 2015), on July 3, 2015,³ and Mr. Jones was required to file a petition for reconsideration of *Jones*, No. 13-0053, 2015 WL 4538820 (U.S.D.A. June 29, 2015), no later than July 13, 2015. As Mr. Jones filed his motion to extend the time for filing a petition for reconsideration 11 days after Mr. Jones' petition for reconsideration was required to be filed, Mr. Jones' motion for an extension of time to file a petition for reconsideration of *Jones*, No. 13-0053, 2015 WL 4538820 (U.S.D.A. June 29, 2015), is denied.

For the foregoing reasons, the following Ruling is issued.

RULING

Mr. Jones' July 24, 2015, motion for an extension of time to file a petition for reconsideration of *Jones*, 2015 WL 4538820 (U.S.D.A. June 29, 2015), is denied.

Done at Washington, DC

July 28, 2015

William G. Jenson
Judicial Officer

³Letter dated July 20, 2015, to the Judicial Officer from Mr. Jones, in which Mr. Jones states he received *Jones*, No. 13-0053, 2015 WL 4538820 (U.S.D.A. June 29, 2015), on July 3, 2015. See also United States Postal Service Domestic Return Receipt for article number 7012 3460 0003 3833 7161, signed by Mr. Jones.