

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
BEFORE THE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE

In re: ) Docket No. 15-0018  
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John R. Shoup, d/b/a )  
Dinsdale Elevator, )  
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Respondent )

**Order Granting Mr. Shoup's Request to Extend the Time  
For Filing an Appeal Petition**

On December 22, 2016, John R. Shoup, d/b/a Dinsdale Elevator, filed a request that I extend his time for filing an appeal petition to a time when he is able to communicate with his attorneys. On December 29, 2016, counsel for the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, United States Department of Agriculture [Administrator], by telephone, informed the Office of the Judicial Officer that the Administrator has no objection to Mr. Shoup's request for an extension of time. While I reject Mr. Shoup's request that I extend the time for filing an appeal petition to the currently indeterminate date when he is able to communicate with his attorneys, I find Mr. Shoup has shown good reason for an extension of time to file an appeal petition. Therefore, I extend the time for Mr. Shoup's filing an appeal petition to, and including, February 10, 2017.<sup>1</sup> Should Mr. Shoup believe a further extension of time for filing his appeal petition is necessary, I

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<sup>1</sup> The Hearing Clerk's Office receives documents from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Eastern Time. To ensure timely filing, Mr. Shoup must ensure that his appeal petition is received by the Hearing Clerk no later than 4:30 p.m., Eastern Time, February 10, 2017.

will consider any request for a further extension of time filed by Mr. Shoup with the Hearing Clerk on or before February 10, 2017.

Done at Washington, DC

December 29, 2016

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William G. Jenson  
Judicial Officer