

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
BEFORE THE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE

In re:)	I & G Docket No. 01-0001
Lion Raisins, Inc., a California)	
corporation formerly known as)	
Lion Enterprises, Inc., and as)	
Lion Raisins; Lion Raisin)	
Company, a partnership or)	
unincorporated association; Lion)	
Packing Company, a partnership)	
or unincorporated association;)	
Al Lion, Jr., an individual;)	
Dan Lion, an individual;)	
Jeff Lion, an individual; and)	
Bruce Lion, an individual,)	
)	Ruling Denying Motion to Hold
Respondents)	Proceeding in Abeyance

Mr. Wesley Green, counsel for Respondents, by telephone, requested that I hold my decision in the instant proceeding in abeyance pending the conclusion of proceedings before an administrative law judge in *In re Bruce Lion*, I & G Docket No. 03-0001. On January 19, 2010, I conducted a conference call during which Mr. Green and Mr. James A. Moody, represented Respondents, and Ms. Colleen Carroll, represented the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, United States Department of Agriculture [hereinafter the Administrator]. Ms. Carroll opposed Respondents' motion to hold the instant proceeding in abeyance.

Based on the arguments posed by counsel for Respondents and counsel for the Administrator and a brief review of the record, I deny Respondents' motion that I hold the instant proceeding in abeyance. However, the parties should note that my review of the instant proceeding will be delayed because I returned the record to the Hearing Clerk to make extensive corrections to the transcript, as ordered by Administrative Law Judge Jill S. Clifton [hereinafter the ALJ]. (See the ALJ's May 4, 2009, Decision and Order at 5 ¶ 9.)

Done at Washington, DC

January 22, 2010

William G. Jenson
Judicial Officer