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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE BEFORE THE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE

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Docket No. 15-0015-AWA

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In re:

BETH ANN TINSLEY,

Respondent.

ORDER FOR DECISION ON THE RECORD

On October 23, 2014, Complainant filed a complaint against Beth Ann Tinsley (Respondent), alleging violations of the Animal Welfare Act as amended (7 U.S.C. § 2131 et seq. (the Act). On November 24, 2014, Respondent filed correspondence that I deemed to be an answer. On February 27, 2015, I set deadlines for the exchange of evidence. Complainant filed a status report averring that its evidence had been sent to Respondent. Respondent has not filed any documents.

In consideration of the pleadings, I find it appropriate to decide this matter on the record. The parties are hereby directed to file all documentary evidence, and testamentary evidence in the form of affidavits, with the Hearing Clerk by not later than **November 6**, **2015**. Written argument regarding the weight of the evidence and appropriateness of a penalty may be filed at that time. The Hearing Clerk's address is: Hearing Clerk, Office of Administrative Law Judges, United States Department of Agriculture, South Building, Room 1031-S, Washington, DC 20250; by Fax at 202-720-9776 or by email at: OALJHearingClerks@dm.usda.gov.

Copies of this Order shall be sent to the parties by regular mail by the Hearing Clerk. So Ordered this 8th day of October, 2015, in Washington, D.C.

Anice K. Bullard Administrative Law Judge