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THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
BEFORE
THE OFFICE OF EMPLOYEE APPEALS

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In the Matter of:)	
)	OEA Matter No. 2401-0241-09
RAYMOND J. TALLIA)	
Employee)	Date of Issuance: January 27, 2010
)	
v.)	Sheryl Sears, Esq.
)	Administrative Judge
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN)	
SERVICES)	
Agency)	
_____)	

Raymond Tallia, Employee, *Pro Se*
Monica J. Brown, Esq., General Counsel
Robert C. Warren, Jr., Assistant Attorney General

INITIAL DECISION

INTRODUCTION AND FINDINGS OF FACT

On August 28, 2009, Raymond J. Tallia (“Employee”) filed a petition for appeal with the Office of Employee Appeals (“the Office”). Therein, he challenged the decision of the Department of Human Services (“Agency”) to remove him, by reduction in force, from the position of Management Analyst. That removal was effective on September 25, 2009. Employee’s petition was premature at the time of filing but there is no dispute that the removal action was effected.

On December 16, 2009, Employee filed a letter with this Office stating, in relevant portion, as follows:

I wish to withdraw my appeal, effective immediately. I have decided to pursue my situation within the context of an age discrimination complaint filed with the US Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

JURISDICTION

The Office has jurisdiction in this matter pursuant to D.C. Official Code § 1-606.03 (2001).

ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSION

Based upon Employee's voluntary withdrawal of his petition for appeal, the petition will be dismissed with prejudice.

ORDER

It is hereby ordered that the petition in this matter is dismissed with prejudice.

FOR THE OFFICE:

Sheryl Sears, Esq.
Administrative Judge