FEDERAL MINE SAFETY AND HEALTH REVIEW COMMISSION

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SECRETARY OF LABOR,
MINE SAFETY AND HEALTH
ADMINISTRATION (MSHA)
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: Docket No. KENT 2015-0644

v. : A.C. No. 15-18870-387869A

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ARNOLD HOSKINS

BEFORE: Traynor, Chair; Althen and Rajkovich, Commissioners

ORDER

BY THE COMMISSION:

This matter arises under the Federal Mine Safety and Health Act of 1977, 30 U.S.C. § 801 et seq. (2018) ("Mine Act"). On July 3, 2018, the Commission received from Arnold Hoskins a motion to reopen the above-captioned civil penalty proceeding. In the motion, Hoskins explains that he had filed a timely contest of a proposed penalty assessment in the amount of \$4,800 for an alleged violation related to Citation No. 8400829-00019613A. He states that, although he was never afforded an opportunity for a hearing on the contest, he received a notice from the Department of Labor's Mine Safety and Health Administration informing him that he was delinquent in paying the \$4,800 penalty.

On November 21, 2017, the Chief Administrative Law Judge issued an Order to Show Cause and Dismissal Order. In the order, the Judge directed the Secretary of Labor to submit a penalty petition and an explanation stating why he failed to initially submit the penalty petition in a timely fashion. The order further stated that if the Secretary failed to do so, on the thirty-first day after the November 21 order, the case would be dismissed. The Secretary failed to submit a petition, and the case was dismissed on December 22, 2017.

This case has been dismissed; the proposed penalty of \$4,800 has not been assessed and no penalty is owed or collectible. Therefore, we deny Hoskins' motion to reopen as moot.

Arthur R. Traynor, III, Clair

William I. Althen, Commissioner

Marco M. Rajkovich, Jr., Commissioner

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