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MICHAEL K. HOLADAY,
Complainant

v.

AMERICAN FINANCIAL SERVICES,
INC., DAVE ANTHONY BOOTHE, and
WORLD FUTURES FINANCIAL
GROUP, INC.,
Respondents

CFTC Docket
No. 99-R156

ORDER OF DISMISSAL FOR CAUSE

Complainant served discovery requests upon respondents on November 30, 1999, but now has asked to "withdraw" his complaint because he is "unable to devote the time and energy necessary to proceed with this matter" (Letter dated December 15, 1999). In view of the posture of the case, in which the rights of the respondents are affected, unilateral withdrawal is not possible. See Rules 12.14 and 12.21. However, the request may be deemed a request to dismiss the complaint based on a decision not to participate. That request is hereby GRANTED under the general authority of Rule 12.201, and under that Rule, this proceeding is DISMISSED for failure to prosecute the claim.

Dated: December 23, 1999

Joel R. Maillie
JOEL R. MAILLIE
Judgment Officer