

NOTE: This order is nonprecedential.

**United States Court of Appeals  
for the Federal Circuit**

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**CHARLES L. WILLIAMS,**  
*Petitioner*

**v.**

**MERIT SYSTEMS PROTECTION BOARD,**  
*Respondent*

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2025-1858

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Petition for review of the Merit Systems Protection Board in Nos. CH-0831-23-0390-I-1 and CH-0831-23-0390-I-2.

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Before LOURIE, PROST, and CHEN, *Circuit Judges*.

PER CURIAM.

**O R D E R**

In response to the court's order to show cause, the Merit Systems Protection Board urges dismissal of Charles L. Williams's petition. Mr. Williams has not responded.

Mr. Williams filed an appeal at the Board concerning annuity benefits. An initial decision dismissed that appeal subject to automatic refiling. In a March 2025 order, the Board denied Mr. Williams's petition for review of that decision and forwarded the matter to the regional office for

adjudication. The matter was then redocketed under a new appeal number (“I-2 Appeal”) and is currently proceeding. On June 10, 2025, this court received a submission from Mr. Williams construed as a petition for review.

This court’s jurisdiction is ordinarily limited to “final” orders or decisions of the Board, 28 U.S.C. § 1295(a)(9), i.e., a decision or order that “ends the litigation on the merits,” *Weed v. Soc. Sec. Admin.*, 571 F.3d 1359, 1361 (Fed. Cir. 2009) (cleaned up); *cf. PGS Geophysical AS v. Iancu*, 891 F.3d 1354, 1361 (Fed. Cir. 2018). The Board’s March 2025 order forwarding for further proceedings clearly failed to end the litigation on the merits. *See Strausbaugh v. Merit Sys. Prot. Bd.*, 401 F. App’x 524, 526 (Fed. Cir. 2010). And no final decision in the I-2 Appeal has yet been issued. We thus lack jurisdiction over Mr. Williams’s petition for review.

Accordingly,

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

- (1) The petition for review is dismissed.
- (2) Each side shall bear its own costs.

FOR THE COURT



Jarrett B. Perlow  
Clerk of Court

September 10, 2025  
Date