

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF INDIANA  
TERRE HAUTE DIVISION

RALPH TAYLOR,	)	
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Petitioner,	)	
	)	
vs.	)	Case No. 2:13-cv-00328-JMS-MJD
	)	
JOHN C. OLIVER,	)	
	)	
Respondent.	)	

**Entry Discussing Motion to Alter or Amend Judgment**

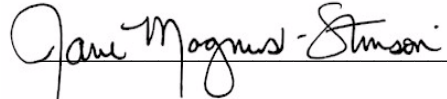
This cause is before the court on the petitioner’s motion to alter or amend judgment. Given the timing of the petitioner’s motion to alter or amend judgment relative to the entry of final judgment on September 13, 2013, and given the arguments set forth in such motion, the motion is treated as labeled and as a motion pursuant to Rule 59(e) of the *Federal Rules of Civil Procedure*. See *Borrero v. City of Chicago*, 456 F.3d 698, 701-02 (7th Cir. 2006) (explaining that whether a motion filed within the time frame contemplated by Rule 59(e) should be analyzed under Rule 59(e) or Rule 60(b) of the *Federal Rules of Civil Procedure* depends on the *substance* of the motion, not on the timing or label affixed to it).

The purpose of a motion to alter or amend judgment under Rule 59(e) is to have the court reconsider matters “properly encompassed in a decision on the merits.” *Osterneck v. Ernst and Whinney*, 489 U.S. 169, 174 (1988). Rule 59(e) “authorizes relief when a moving party ‘clearly establish[es] either a manifest error of law or fact’ or ‘present[s] newly discovered evidence.’” *Souter v. International Union*, 993 F.2d 595, 599 (7th Cir. 1993) (quoting *Federal Deposit Ins. Corp. v. Meyer*, 781 F.2d 1260, 1268 (7th Cir. 1986)).

There was in this case no manifest error of law or fact. The court did not misapprehend the petitioner's claims, nor did it misapply the law to those claims in light of the underlying record. Accordingly, the post-judgment motion to alter or amend judgment is **denied**.

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

Date: 10/04/2013



Hon. Jane Magnus-Stinson, Judge  
United States District Court  
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