UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS

FOR THE NINTH CIRCUIT

JOSE ALONSO MARTINEZ-MEZA,

Petitioner,

v.

ERIC H. HOLDER, Jr., Attorney General,

Respondent.

No. 11-70536

Agency No. A088-751-155

MEMORANDUM^{*}

On Petition for Review of an Order of the Board of Immigration Appeals

Submitted February 21, 2012**

Before: FERNANDEZ, McKEOWN, and BYBEE, Circuit Judges.

Jose Alonso Martinez-Meza, a native and citizen of Mexico, petitions for

review of the Board of Immigration Appeals' order dismissing his appeal from an

immigration judge's decision denying his request for a continuance. We have

jurisdiction under 8 U.S.C. § 1252. We review for abuse of discretion the denial of

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^{**} The panel unanimously concludes this case is suitable for decision without oral argument. *See* Fed. R. App. P. 34(a)(2).

a motion to continue, *Sandoval-Luna v. Mukasey*, 526 F.3d 1243, 1246 (9th Cir. 2008) (per curiam), and we deny the petition for review.

The agency did not abuse its discretion in denying Martinez-Meza's request for a continuance where Martinez-Meza's eligibility for relief was speculative. *See id.* at 1247 (no abuse of discretion in denying a motion to continue where relief was not immediately available).

PETITION FOR REVIEW DENIED.