

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF ARKANSAS
EASTERN DIVISION**

SADAR D. MCCALLISTER,	*
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Plaintiff,	*
v.	*
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CAROLYN W. COLVIN,	*
Acting Commissioner,	*
Social Security Administration	*
	*
Defendant.	*

No. 2:12CV00099-JJV

ORDER

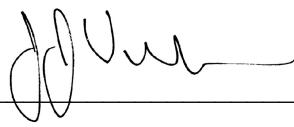
Before the Court is Plaintiff's Application for Attorney's Fees pursuant to the Equal Access to Justice Act (EAJA), 28 U.S.C. § 2412. The Commissioner responded and offered no objection to the fees but raises some concern about the requested expenses. So, after careful consideration of the Motion and Response, the Court finds:

1. The hours spent by counsel were reasonable and the Court approves attorney fees in the amount of \$3,275.50 (18.7 hours at \$175 per hour). Furthermore, the Court concludes that the requested \$24.44 is authorized as the expense for serving Defendant by certified mail through the United States Postal Service. (Doc. 21-2 at 2.)

2. The EAJA fee award is payable to Plaintiff and mailed to Plaintiff's counsel, but subject to any offset to satisfy any pre-existing debt owed to the United States. *Astrue v. Ratliff*, --- U.S. ----, 130 S.Ct. 2521, 2527, 2010 WL 2346547 (2010).

3. Defendant shall certify the award of \$3,296.94 and pay this amount.

IT IS SO ORDERED this 25th day of June, 2013.



JOE J. VOLPE
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE