

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

CATHERINE D. TOWNSEND,

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Plaintiff,

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v.

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No. 3:11-cv-00300-JJV

MICHAEL J. ASTRUE, Commissioner,
Social Security Administration

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Defendant.

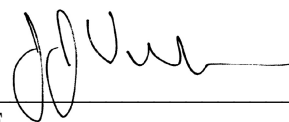
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ORDER

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 requested. So, after careful consideration of the Motion and Response, the Court finds:

1. The hours spent by counsel were reasonable. Therefore the Court approves attorney fees and costs in the amount of \$3,650.25. (23.55 attorney hours at \$155 per hour).
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*, 130 S.Ct. 2521, 2527, 2010 WL 2346547 (2010).
3. Defendant shall certify said award and pay this amount.

IT IS SO ORDERED this 22nd day of August, 2012.



JOE J. VOLPE
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE