

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

CAROLYN S. HITE,

Plaintiff,

v.

CAROLYN W. COLVIN,  
Acting Commissioner,  
Social Security Administration,

Defendant.

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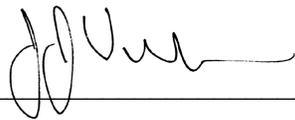
No. 4:12CV00079-JJV

**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<sup>1</sup> responded and offered no objection to the fees requested. 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 in the amount of \$1,247.75 (8.05 attorney hours at \$155.00).
2. The award of EAJA fees shall be paid directly to Plaintiff’s counsel subject to any offset to satisfy any pre-existing debt owed to the United States. *Astrue v. Ratliff*, 560 U.S. ----, 130 S.Ct. 2521, 2527 (2010).
3. Defendant shall certify said award and pay Plaintiff’s attorney this amount.

IT IS SO ORDERED this 14th day of May, 2013.

  
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 JOE J. VOLPE  
 UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

<sup>1</sup>Carolyn W. Colvin was sworn in as Acting Commissioner of the Social Security Administration on February 14, 2013, replacing Michael Astrue. She has therefore been substituted as the defendant in this case pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 25(d)(1).