

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF ARKANSAS  
FORT SMITH DIVISION

RONALD DEAN STEPHENS

PLAINTIFF

v.

CIVIL NO. 2:16-cv-2220-MEF

NANCY A. BERRYHILL, Acting  
Commissioner, Social Security Administration<sup>1</sup>

DEFENDANT

**FINAL JUDGMENT**

This cause is before the Court on the Plaintiff's complaint for judicial review of an unfavorable final decision of the Commissioner of the Social Security Administration regarding his application for Disability Insurance Benefits and Supplemental Security Income. The parties have consented to entry of final judgment by the United States Magistrate Judge under the provisions of 28 U.S.C. § 636(c), with any appeal to the Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit. The Court, having reviewed the record, the administrative transcript, the briefs of the parties, the applicable law, and the parties having waived oral argument, finds as follows, to-wit:

For the reasons announced by the Court on the record on November 13, 2017, the Court finds that the decision of the Commissioner of Social Security is supported by substantial evidence, and the same is hereby affirmed.

IT IS SO ORDERED this the 15th day of November, 2017.

/s/ Mark E. Ford

HON. MARK E. FORD  
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

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<sup>1</sup> Nancy A. Berryhill is now the Acting Commissioner of Social Security. Pursuant to Rule 25(d) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, Nancy A. Berryhill should be substituted for Acting Commissioner Carolyn W. Colvin as the defendant in this suit. No further action needs to be taken to continue this suit by reason of the last sentence of section 205(g) of the Social Security Act, 42 U.S.C. § 405(g).