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assignment of EAJA fees to Segthiene Bosavanh. Pursuant to Astrue v. Ratliff, 130 S.Ct. 2521,

2252-2253 (2010), the ability to honor any such assignment will depend on whether the fees are subject

to any offset allowed under the United States Department of the Treasury's Offset Program. After the order for EAJA fees is entered, the Defendant will determine whether they are subject to any offset.

Fees shall be made payable to Darla Tyler, but if the Department of the Treasury determines that Darla Tyler does not owe a federal debt, then the government shall cause the payment of fees to be made directly to the Sengthiene Bosavanh, pursuant to any assignment executed by Darla Tyler. Any payments made shall be delivered to Sengthiene Bosavanh.

This stipulation constitutes a compromise settlement of Darla Tyler's request for EAJA attorney fees, and does not constitute an admission of liability on the part of Defendant under the EAJA. Payment of the agreed amount shall constitute a complete release from, and bar to, any and all claims that Darla Tyler and/or Sengthiene Bosavanh may have relating to EAJA attorney fees in connection with this action.

Sengthiene Bosavanh reserves the right to contend that any non-payment caused by the collection of a federal debt owed by Darla Tyler violates 31 C.F.R. § 285.5(e)(5) and Morrison v. C.I.R., 565 F.3d 658, 667 (9th Cir. 2009). Nothing in this stipulation shall be construed as an admission by Sengthiene Bosavanh that the Defendant has the right or authority to offset the fees due and payable pursuant to this stipulation. This award is without prejudice to the rights of Sengthiene Bosavanh to seek Social Security Act attorney fees under 42 U.S.C. § 406(b), subject to the savings clause provisions of the EAJA.

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Respectfully submitted,

Dated: November 19, 2012

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BENJAMIN WAGNER United States Attorney

Dated: November 19, 2012 By /s/ Elizabeth Barry ELIZABETH BARRY

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ORDER

Pursuant to the above stipulation, Plaintiff shall be awarded attorney fees under the Equal Access to Justice Act (EAJA), 28 U.S.C. § 2412(d), in the amount of SEVEN THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED dollars and 00/100 cents (\$7,400.00). Plaintiff shall also be awarded EIGHTY TWO dollars and FIFTY FOUR cents (\$82.54) in costs under Taxation of Costs, 28 U.S.C. § 1920. Defendant shall consider any assignment of EAJA fees to Sengthiene Bosavanh, pursuant to <u>Astrue v. Ratliff</u>, 130 S.Ct. 2521, 2252-2253 (2010).

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: November 20, 2012

UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE