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2. After the issuance of this order, the government shall consider the assignment of the EAJA attorney’s fees to plaintiff’s counsel;

a. Pursuant to the decision in *Astrue v. Ratliff*, 560 U.S. 586 (2010), any such assignment will depend on whether the attorney’s fees are subject to any offset allowed under the United States Department of Treasury’s (“the DOT”) Offset Program;

b. Fees shall be made payable to plaintiff, but if the DOT determines that plaintiff does not owe a federal debt, then the government shall cause the payment of attorney’s fees to be made directly to plaintiff’s counsel, Jonathan O. Peña;

3. Whether the payment of attorney’s fees is made payable to plaintiff or to his counsel, the check will be mailed to plaintiff’s counsel’s mailing address at:

Jonathan O. Peña
Peña & Bromberg, PLC
2440 Tulare St., Ste. 320
Fresno, CA 93721

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: August 1, 2022



UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE