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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

BRENDA G. SWAIN,
Plaintiff,
v.
COMMISSIONER OF SOCIAL
SECURITY,
Defendant.

No. 2:14-cv-1351-KJN

ORDER

On January 29, 2015, the court directed plaintiff’s counsel to show cause in writing why monetary sanctions should not be imposed against plaintiff’s counsel for filing a tardy motion for summary judgment. (ECF No. 15.) Thereafter, on February 9, 2015, plaintiff’s counsel filed a response to the order to show cause. (ECF No. 16.) The response indicates that the tardy filing was the result of a calendaring error made in the backdrop of very serious health issues concerning plaintiff’s counsel’s spouse. (Id.) In light of those circumstances, the court discharges the order to show cause.

Plaintiff’s counsel further indicates that the Commissioner has stipulated to a modified briefing schedule whereby the Commissioner would file its opposition to plaintiff’s motion by February 26, 2015, and plaintiff’s reply brief would be due on the original due date of February 28, 2015, thereby avoiding any adverse impact on the court’s schedule.


1 The court approves the modified schedule, except that plaintiff's counsel may have until
2 March 19, 2015, to file any reply brief. The court appreciates plaintiff's counsel's candor and
3 willingness to minimize the impact on the court's schedule, but in light of the serious health
4 issues faced by plaintiff's counsel's spouse, the court finds that the interests of justice would be
5 served by an additional extension.

6 Accordingly, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

- 7 1. The court's January 29, 2015 order to show cause (ECF No. 15) is DISCHARGED.
- 8 2. Plaintiff's January 27, 2015 motion for summary judgment is deemed timely filed.
- 9 3. The Commissioner shall file any opposition or cross-motion for summary judgment no
10 later than February 26, 2015.
- 11 4. Plaintiff shall file a reply brief, if any, no later than March 19, 2015.

12 IT IS SO ORDERED.

13 Dated: February 10, 2015

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16 KENDALL J. NEWMAN
17 UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE
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