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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

MELANIE SMITH,

Plaintiff,

v.

COMMISSIONER OF SOCIAL
SECURITY,

Defendant.

No. 2:24-cv-01842-EFB SS
ORDER GRANTING IFP AND
DIRECTING E-SERVICE

Plaintiff has requested authority under 28 U.S.C. § 1915 to proceed *in forma pauperis* and has submitted the affidavit required thereunder which demonstrates that plaintiff is unable to prepay fees and costs or give security for them. ECF No. 2. Accordingly, the request to proceed *in forma pauperis* will be granted. 28 U.S.C. § 1915(a).

In accordance with the above, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

1. Plaintiff’s request to proceed *in forma pauperis* (ECF No. 2) is GRANTED;
2. The Clerk of Court is directed to issue a summons for this case;
3. In keeping with the court’s new e-service procedure for Social Security cases,¹ service on the defendant Commissioner of Social Security Administration shall proceed under the court’s E-Service program as follows. Once a summons is

¹ <http://www.caed.uscourts.gov/caednew/index.cfm/news/new-social-security-case-procedures-effective-after-june-15-2021/>

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issued, the Clerk of Court shall deliver to the Commissioner of Social Security Administration and the United States Attorney's Office at their designated email addresses a notice of electronic filing of the action along with the summons and complaint. The Commissioner has agreed not to raise a defense of insufficient service of process if provided with notice of a complaint as detailed in this order. This order is not intended to prevent parties from making any other motions that are appropriate under the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure; and

- 4. The Clerk of the Court is directed to serve the undersigned's scheduling order in social security cases.

DATED: August 29, 2024


EDMUND F. BRENNAN
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE