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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

CAROLINA AITKEN,

No. C-08-5716 MMC

Plaintiff,

**ORDER DIRECTING PARTIES TO
INFORM COURT WHETHER THEY
CONSENT TO MAGISTRATE JUDGE
FOR ALL PURPOSES**

v.

MICHAEL J. ASTRUE,

Defendant

In cases initially assigned to a district judge, the parties may consent at any time to reassignment of the case to a magistrate judge for all purposes, including entry of final judgment. See Civil L.R. 73-1(b).

Accordingly, the parties are hereby DIRECTED to advise the Court, no later than February 6, 2009, as to whether they consent to have a magistrate judge conduct all further proceedings in the instant action.¹ For the parties' convenience, a consent form is attached hereto; forms are also available at <http://www.cand.uscourts.gov>, in the "Forms" section. The parties are further advised that they may jointly request assignment to a specific magistrate judge.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: January 22, 2009


MAXINE M. CHESNEY
United States District Judge

¹Normally, the Court would direct the parties to so inform the Court in their Joint Case Management Statement filed in connection with a case management conference. Because the instant action involves a review of an administrative record, however, a case management conference has not been scheduled.