

**IN THE
UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
CENTRAL DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS
PEORIA DIVISION**

LINDA JAMES,
Plaintiff,

v.

CAROLYN W. COLVIN, Commissioner of
Social Security,
Defendant.

Case No. 1:15-cv-01176-MMM

ORDER

Now before the Court are the Plaintiff's Motion for Attorney's Fees Pursuant to the Equal Access to Justice Act ("EAJA"), 28 U.S.C. § 2412. (D. 23).¹ The Commissioner has no objection. (D. 24). Therefore the Court GRANTS the Motion and awards the Plaintiff, Linda James, \$12,015.75 (twelve thousand fifteen dollars and seventy five cents) for attorney fees and \$0 (zero dollars) for costs in full satisfaction of any and all claims the Plaintiff may have under the EAJA. This award fully and completely satisfies any and all claims for attorney fees, expenses, and costs that may be payable to the Plaintiff in this matter under the EAJA.

Any fees paid belong to the Plaintiff and not her attorney. The fees can be offset to satisfy any pre-existing debt that the Plaintiff owes the United States. *Astrue v. Ratliff*, 560 U.S. 586, 589 (2010). If the Defendant can verify that the Plaintiff does not owe pre-existing debt to the government subject to offset, the Defendant will direct payment of the award to the Plaintiff's attorney pursuant to the EAJA assignment.

It is so ordered.

Entered on October 29, 2018

s/ Michael M. Mihm
Michael M. Mihm
Senior United States District Judge

¹ Citations to the Docket in this case are abbreviated as "D. ___."