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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT NORTHERN DISTRICT OF INDIANA FORT WAYNE DIVISION

KATIE N. HARGER,

Plaintiff,

v.

CAUSE NO.: 1:19-CV-302-TLS-JPK

ANDREW M. SAUL, Commissioner of the Social Security Administration,

Defendant.

ORDER

This matter is before the Court on the Report and Recommendation of the United States Magistrate Judge [ECF No. 22], filed by Magistrate Judge Joshua P. Kolar on July 31, 2020. On July 3, 2019, the Plaintiff filed a Complaint [ECF No. 1] in which she sought to appeal a final administrative decision which denied her request for disability benefits. The Plaintiff filed an Opening Brief [ECF No. 18], and the Defendant filed a Response [ECF No. 21]. The Plaintiff did not file a reply, and the time to do so has passed. On October 23, 2019, this matter was referred to Judge Kolar for a Report and Recommendation. *See* Order, ECF No. 13. In the July 31, 2020 Report and Recommendation, Judge Kolar recommends that the Court reverse the decision of the Commissioner of the Social Security Administration and remand for further proceedings.

The Court's review of a Magistrate Judge's Report and Recommendation is governed by 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1)(C), which provides as follows:

Within fourteen days after being served with a copy, any party may serve and file written objections to such proposed findings and recommendations as provided by rules of court. A judge of the court shall make a de novo determination of those portions of the report or specified proposed findings or recommendations to which objection is made. A judge of the court may accept, reject, or modify, in whole or in part, the findings or recommendations made by the magistrate judge.

The judge may also receive further evidence or recommit the matter to the magistrate judge with instructions.

28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1)(C); *see also* Fed. R. Civ. P. 72(b)(2) ("Within 14 days after being served with a copy of the recommended disposition, a party may serve and file specific written objections to the proposed findings and recommendations."). Portions of a recommendation to which no party objects are reviewed for clear error. *Johnson v. Zema Sys. Corp.*, 170 F.3d 734, 739 (7th Cir. 1999). Judge Kolar gave the parties notice that they had fourteen days to file objections to the Report and Recommendation. As of the date of this Order, neither party has filed an objection to Judge Kolar's Report and Recommendation, and the time to do so has passed. The Court has reviewed the Report and Recommendation and finds that the Magistrate Judge's proposed disposition is well taken.

Therefore, the Court ACCEPTS, IN WHOLE, the Report and Recommendation of the United States Magistrate Judge [ECF No. 22]. The Court REVERSES the final decision of the Commissioner of the Social Security Administration and REMANDS this matter for further proceedings consistent with this Order.

SO ORDERED on October 27, 2020.

<u>s/ Theresa L. Springmann</u> JUDGE THERESA L. SPRINGMANN UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT