IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA EASTERN DIVISION No. 4:12-CV-47-D

RUTH J. LIGON,)
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Plaintiff,)
v.) ORDER
CAROLYN W. COLVIN,)
Acting Commissioner of Social Security,)
Defendant.)

On May 1, 2013, Magistrate Judge Webb issued a Memorandum and Recommendation ("M&R") [D.E. 35]. In the M&R, Judge Webb recommended that plaintiff's motion for judgment on the pleadings [D.E. 30] be granted, that defendant's motion for judgment on the pleadings [D.E. 32] be denied, and that the action be remanded to the Commissioner. Neither party objected to the M&R.

"The Federal Magistrates Act requires a district court to make a de novo determination of those portions of the [magistrate judge's] report or specified proposed findings or recommendations to which objection is made." <u>Diamond v. Colonial Life & Accident Ins. Co.</u>, 416 F.3d 310, 315 (4th Cir. 2005) (alteration in original) (emphasis and quotation omitted). Absent a timely objection, "a district court need not conduct a de novo review, but instead must only satisfy itself that there is no clear error on the face of the record in order to accept the recommendation." <u>Id.</u> (quotation omitted).

The court has reviewed the M&R and the record. The court is satisfied that there is no clear error on the face of the record. Accordingly, the court adopts the conclusions in the M&R [D.E. 35]. Plaintiff's motion for judgment on the pleadings [D.E. 30] is GRANTED, defendant's motion for

judgment on the pleadings [D.E. 32] is DENIED, and the action is REMANDED to the Commissioner under sentence four of 42 U.S.C. § 405(g).

SO ORDERED. This <u>24</u> day of May 2013.

AMES C. DEVER III

Chief United States District Judge