UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO

MICHELLE COOKSEY, : CASE NO. 1:17-cv-1378

Plaintiff,

vs. : OPINION AND ORDER : [Resolving Doc. 1]

COMMISSIONER OF SOCIAL SECURITY, :

Defendant.

JAMES S. GWIN, UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE:

On June 29, 2017, Plaintiff Michelle Cooksey filed a complaint seeking judicial review of the Defendant Commissioner of Social Security's decision to deny her application for Disability Insurance Benefits.¹ The Court referred the matter to Magistrate Judge Kathleen B. Burke.

On June 7, 2018, Magistrate Judge Burke issued a Report and Recommendation ("R&R") recommending that this Court affirm the Commissioner's final decision.² Objections to Magistrate Judge Burke's R&R were due June 21, 2018. That date has passed, and neither party has filed any objections.

The Federal Magistrates Act requires a district court to conduct a *de novo* review only of those portions of an R&R to which the parties have made an objection.³ Failure to timely object waives a party's right to appeal the magistrate's report.⁴ So, where a party does not object to the R&R, a district court may adopt it without review.⁵

¹ Doc. <u>1</u>.

² Doc. 15.

³ 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1)(C).

⁴ Thomas v. Arn, 474 U.S. 140, 145 (1985); United States v. Walters, 638 F.2d 947, 949-50 (6th Cir. 1981).

⁵ See Thomas, 474 U.S. at 149–50.

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Accordingly, in light of the parties' decision not to object to the R&R in this case, the Court ADOPTS Magistrate Judge Burke's R&R, incorporates it as if fully restated herein, and AFFIRMS the Commissioner's decision.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: July 25, 2018 <u>s/ James S. Gwin</u> JAMES S. GWIN

UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE