IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF SOUTH CAROLINA ORANGEBURG DIVISION

Tammie Ann Nestor,)	C/A No.: 5:15-cv-02120-RBH
Plaintiff,)	
V.)	ORDER
Carolyn W. Colvin, Acting Commissioner of Social Security,))	
Defendant.)	

On April 14, 2016, Plaintiff filed a motion for attorney's fees pursuant to the Equal Access to Justice Act ("EAJA"), 28 U.S.C. § 2412, on the basis that the position taken by the defendant in this action was not substantially justified. On April 29, 2016, the parties filed a joint stipulation indicating that the parties agreed to an EAJA award of \$6,500.00 in attorney's fees. The stipulation provides that fees awarded are subject to be offset if the prevailing party owes a debt to the federal government.

Based on the foregoing and after considering the briefs and materials submitted by the parties, the court orders the Defendant to pay the sum of \$6,500.00 in attorney's fees, subject to the Treasury Offset Program if the prevailing party owes a debt to the federal government. However, the payment shall be made payable to the claimant pursuant to *Astrue v. Ratliff*, 130 S.Ct. 2521 (2010), and mailed to his attorney, with a copy to the claimant.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

May 4, 2016 Florence, South Carolina s/ R. Bryan Harwell
R. Bryan Harwell
United States District Judge