



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

DAWN MARIE KOONTZ,

Plaintiff,

vs.

NANCY A. BERRYHILL,

Acting Commissioner of Social Security,
Defendant.

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CIVIL ACTION NO. 5:16-01807-MGL

ORDER

This matter is before the Court on Plaintiff’s Motion for Attorney’s Fees and Costs under the Equal Access to Justice Act (EAJA) filed on May 4, 2017. *See* 28 U.S.C. § 2412. Plaintiff requests an award of \$4,167.63 in attorney’s fees and \$16.00 in expenses. Defendant does not object to Plaintiff’s request.

In accordance with *Astrue v. Ratliff*, 560 U.S. 586, 595-98 (2010), EAJA fees awarded by this Court belong to the litigant, thus subjecting EAJA fees to offset under the Treasury Offset Program (31 U.S.C. § 3716(c)(3)(B) (2006)), and, therefore, this Court directs fees be payable to Plaintiff and delivered to Plaintiff’s counsel. Accordingly,

IT IS ORDERED that Plaintiff's motion under the EAJA is granted in the amount of \$4,167.63 in attorney's fees and \$16.00 in expenses.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

s/ Mary Geiger Lewis
MARY GEIGER LEWIS
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

Dated: May 25, 2017
Columbia, South Carolina