

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

**MARY ELLEN JEFFORDS,** )  
)  
**Plaintiff,** )  
)  
**vs.** )  
)  
**NANCY A. BERRYHILL,** )  
**ACTING** )  
**COMMISSIONER OF SOCIAL** )  
**SECURITY ADMINISTRATION,** )  
)  
**Defendant.** )  
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**Civil Action No: 5:17-00640-MGL**

**ORDER**

On July 16, 2018, Counsel for the Plaintiff, Paul T. McChesney, filed a motion for attorney’s fees and expenses pursuant to the Equal Access to Justice Act (EAJA), 28 U.S.C. § 2412. ECF No. 24. The motion seeks reimbursement for counsel’s representation in the captioned matter in the amount of \$3,200.31 for fees (5.0 hours of attorney time at \$192.50 per hour, and 23.25 hours of paralegal time at \$96.25 per hour) and \$22.46 for expenses. *Id.* On July 19, 2018, Defendant filed a response indicating it did not oppose the payment of such fees and expenses. ECF No. 25.

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)), and, therefore, this Court directs fees be payable to Plaintiff and delivered to Plaintiff’s counsel. Accordingly,

**IT IS ORDERED** Plaintiff's motion for attorney's fees and costs pursuant to the Equal Access to Justice Act, 28 U.S.C. § 2412, be **GRANTED** in the amount of \$3,200.31 for fees and \$22.46 for expenses.

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

July 19, 2018  
Columbia, South Carolina