UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE AT CHATTANOOGA

TIMOTHY L. SCATES,)
Plaintiff,)
) Case No. 1:12-CV-408
V.)
) Collier/Lee
MICHAEL J. ASTRUE,)
Commissioner of Social Security,)
)
Defendant.)

<u>O R D E R</u>

Plaintiff Timothy L. Scates ("Plaintiff") filed a motion to proceed *in forma pauperis* (Court File No. 2). On December 14, 2012, United States Magistrate Judge Susan K. Lee filed a report and recommendation ("R&R") in this case, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636(b) and Fed. R. Civ. P. 72(b) (Court File No. 3). In the R&R, the magistrate judge recommended Plaintiff's motion be denied. Neither party has objected to the R&R within the given fourteen days.

After reviewing the record, the Court agrees with the R&R. The Court hereby ACCEPTS

and ADOPTS the magistrate judge's R&R and ORDERS that Plaintiff's motion to proceed in forma

pauperis be **DENIED** (Court File No. 2).¹

SO ORDERED.

ENTER:

<u>/s/</u> CURTIS L. COLLIER UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

¹ According to a recent docket entry in CM/ECF, the filing fee was paid in this case on December 19, 2012. Therefore, Plaintiff's motion is also effectively moot.