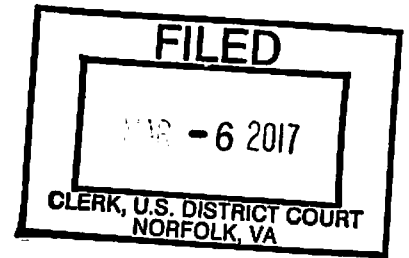


UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA
Newport News Division



LORA COCHRAN,

Plaintiff,

v.

Civil Action No.: 4:16cv11

CAROLYN W. COLVIN,
ACTING COMMISSIONER
OF SOCIAL SECURITY,

Defendant.

OPINION AND ORDER

Plaintiff Lora Cochran (“Plaintiff” or “Cochran”) brought this action under 42 U.S.C. § 405(g) seeking judicial review of the final decision of the Acting Commissioner of the Social Security Administration (“Acting Commissioner”) denying her claim for Disability Insurance Benefits (“DIB”) pursuant to Title II of the Social Security Act. Pursuant to the provisions of 28 U.S.C. §§ 636(b)(1)(B) and (C), Rule 72(b) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, Rule 72 of the Rules of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia, and by order of reference dated May 6, 2016, this matter was referred to a United States Magistrate Judge for a Report and Recommendation. Doc. 6.

The Report and Recommendation of the Magistrate Judge (“R&R”), filed on December 28, 2016, finds that the Administrative Law Judge (“ALJ”) properly found that Cochran was not disabled under the Social Security Act after granting substantial weight to her disability rating from the Department of Veterans Affairs. Doc. 13 at 9–14. Accordingly, the Magistrate Judge recommends that Plaintiff’s Motion for Summary Judgment, Doc. 8, be DENIED, that the

Acting Commissioner's Motion for Summary Judgment, Doc. 10, be **GRANTED**, and that the final decision of the Acting Commissioner be **AFFIRMED**.

By copy of the R&R, each party was advised of the right to file written objections to the findings and recommendations made by the Magistrate Judge within fourteen (14) days from the date the R&R was sent, pursuant to Rule 6(a) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. Doc. 13 at 14–15. The parties were also given an additional three (3) days, pursuant to Rule 6(d) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. The time for filing written objections has now passed, and neither party has filed objections. As indicated in the R&R, failure to file timely objections to the findings and recommendations set forth in the R&R “will result in waiver of right to appeal from a judgment of this Court based on such findings and recommendations.” *Id.* at 15.

This Court has reviewed the R&R of the Magistrate Judge and hereby adopts and approves in full the findings and recommendations set forth therein. Accordingly, it is hereby **ORDERED** that the Acting Commissioner's Motion for Summary Judgment, Doc. 16, is **GRANTED**, that Plaintiff's Motion for Summary Judgment, Doc. 14, is **DENIED**, and that the Acting Commissioner's final decision is **AFFIRMED**.

Plaintiff is advised that she may appeal from this Opinion and Final Order by forwarding a written notice of appeal to the Clerk of the United States District Court, United States Courthouse, 600 Granby Street, Norfolk, Virginia 23510. Said written notice must be received by the Clerk within sixty (60) days from the date of this Order. If Plaintiff wishes to proceed in forma pauperis on appeal, Plaintiff must submit the application to proceed in forma pauperis to the Clerk, United States Court of Appeals, Fourth Circuit, 1100 E. Main Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219.

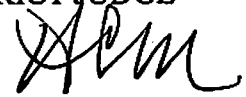
The Clerk is **REQUESTED** to send a copy of this Opinion and Order to all counsel of record.

It is so **ORDERED**.

/s/

Henry Coke Morgan, Jr.
Senior United States District Judge

HENRY COKE MORGAN, JR.
SENIOR UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE



Norfolk, Virginia
March 6, 2017