## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON

REBECCA HARE,

No. 2:14-CV-0037-JTR

Plaintiff,

ORDER DENYING PLAINTIFF'S MOTION TO CHANGE LOCATIONS

v.

CAROLYN W. COLVIN, Commissioner of Social Security,

Defendant.

**BEFORE THE COURT** is Plaintiff Rebecca Hare's (Plaintiff's) January 30, 2014, pleading which requests the Court change the location of the hearing for her case. ECF No. 4. Plaintiff is proceeding *pro se*. The Court file indicates the Office of the United States Attorney has not yet filed a notice of appearance in this case.

Plaintiff requests the hearing for her case be moved from Spokane, Washington, to either Moses Lake or Ephrata, Washington, because she has insufficient means to travel to Spokane for a hearing. ECF No. 4.

Plaintiff's case was filed in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Washington. The Eastern District of Washington has courthouses in three locations in Eastern Washington: Spokane, Richland and Yakima. This matter was assigned a Spokane case number; therefore, in-court proceedings would be held in the Spokane courthouse.

Nevertheless, Plaintiff is advised of the following general procedures with respect to social security cases in this district: once Plaintiff has properly served Defendant, Defendant will thereafter file an Answer and lodge the Administrative Record. It may take several weeks for the Administrative Record to be located and filed with the Court. Upon Plaintiff's receipt of the Administrative Record, Plaintiff will be responsible for preparing and filing a proposed stipulated scheduling order and proposed order setting forth the briefing schedule for the case. Plaintiff will determine the briefing dates for cross-motions for summary judgment, allowing Defendant 42 days to respond to Plaintiff's motion for summary judgment unless otherwise requested. With respect to the hearing date for the cross-motions, Plaintiff shall contact the Office of the United States Attorney for the Court's next available date.

The parties' cross-motions for summary judgment will be addressed by the Court without the need for an in-court hearing. The Court will rely on the information provided by the briefs of the parties and the record submitted to the Court. If either party desires oral argument on the dispositive motions, the requesting party must contact the Court prior to the date of the submission of their motion for summary judgment to arrange a suitable date and time for **telephonic** oral argument to be heard.

Based on the foregoing, there will be no need for Plaintiff to travel to Spokane to prosecute her social security case.

Plaintiff's motion to change the location of her hearing, **ECF No. 4**, is **DENIED**.

**IT IS SO ORDERED**. The District Court Executive is directed to file this Order and provide a copy to Plaintiff.

DATED February 3, 2014.



JOHN T. RODGERS UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE