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1 2 3 4 5 6 7 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT 8 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON 9 10 DONALD J. SEARLES, CASE NO. 2:15-cv-00617 JRC Plaintiff, 11 ORDER ON STIPULATED MOTION 12 v. FOR EQUAL ACCESS TO JUSTICE ACT FEES AND EXPENSES AND CAROLYN W. COLVIN, Acting 13 FOR COSTS Commissioner of the Social Security 14 Administration, Defendant. 15 16 This Court has jurisdiction pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636(c), Fed. R. Civ. P. 73 and Local 17 Magistrate Judge Rule MJR 13 (see also Notice of Initial Assignment to a U.S. Magistrate Judge 18 and Consent Form, Dkt. 3; Consent to Proceed Before a United States Magistrate Judge, Dkt. 4). 19 This matter is before the Court on plaintiff's Stipulated Motion for Equal Access to Justice Act 20 Fees, Expenses and Costs (see Dkt. 13). 21 Based on the Equal Access to Justice Act, 28 U.S.C. § 2412, ("EAJA"), the stipulation of 22 the parties (see Dkt. 13), the attorney declaration (Dkt. 14) and time and expense itemizations 23 (Dkt. 14, Attachment 1), and the relevant record, it is hereby ORDERED that EAJA attorney's 24

1	fees of \$4,647.16 and expenses in the amount of \$20.07, shall be awarded to plaintiff pursuant to
2	the EAJA and consistent with Astrue v. Ratliff, 130 S.Ct. 2521, 2524, 2010 U.S. LEXIS 4763 at
3	***6-***7 (2010).
4	It is further ORDERED that costs in the amount of \$400.00 shall be awarded to plaintiff
5	pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1920.
6	The Acting Commissioner agrees to contact the Department of Treasury after the Order
7	for EAJA fees and expenses and for costs is entered to determine if the EAJA fees, expenses and
8	costs are subject to any offset. If it is determined that plaintiff's EAJA fees, expenses and costs
9	are not subject to any offset allowed pursuant to the Department of the Treasury's Offset
10	Program, then the check for EAJA fees, expenses and costs shall be made payable to Sara M.
11	Herr-Waldroup, Esq., based on plaintiff's assignment of these amounts to plaintiff's attorney
12	(see Plaintiff's Declaration and Assignment of EAJA Fees, Dkt. 14, Attachment 2). If there is an
13	offset, the remainder shall be made payable to plaintiff, based on the practice of the Department
14	of the Treasury (see, e.g., Case No. 2:15-cv-122, Dkt. 22, p. 4). Any check for EAJA fees,
15	expenses and costs shall be mailed to plaintiff's counsel, Sara M. Herr-Waldroup, Esq., at
16	Russell & Hill, PLLC, 3811-A Broadway, Everett, WA 98201.
17	Dated this 10th day of December, 2015.
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19	J. Richard Creatura
20	United States Magistrate Judge
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