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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON

AMY M. WALKER HALE,  
  
Plaintiff,

v.

NANCY A. BERRYHILL, Acting  
Commissioner of the Social Security  
Administration,  
  
Defendant.

CASE NO. 2:17-cv-00567-JRC

ORDER ON STIPULATED  
MOTION FOR EQUAL ACCESS  
TO JUSTICE ACT FEES

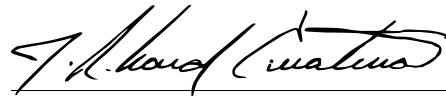
This Court has jurisdiction pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636(c), Fed. R. Civ. P. 73 and Local Magistrate Judge Rule MJR 13 (*see also* Notice of Initial Assignment to a U.S. Magistrate Judge and Consent Form, Dkt. 3; Consent to Proceed Before a United States Magistrate Judge, Dkt. 5). This matter is before the Court on plaintiff’s Stipulated Motion for Attorney Fees (*see* Dkt. 14).

Based on the Equal Access to Justice Act, 28 U.S.C. § 2412, (“EAJA”), the stipulation of the parties (*see* Dkt. 14), the attorney declaration and time and expense itemizations (Dkt. 14, Attachments 2, 3), and the relevant record, it is hereby ORDERED that EAJA attorney’s fees of

1 \$4,452.18, shall be awarded to plaintiff pursuant to the EAJA and consistent with *Astrue v.*  
2 *Ratliff*, 130 S.Ct. 2521, 2524, 2010 U.S. LEXIS 4763 at \*\*\*6-\*\*\*7 (2010).

3 The Acting Commissioner shall contact the Department of Treasury after the Order for  
4 EAJA fees is entered to determine if the EAJA fees are subject to any offset. If it is determined  
5 that plaintiff's EAJA fees are not subject to any offset allowed pursuant to the Department of the  
6 Treasury's Offset Program, then the check for EAJA fees shall be made payable to Victoria B.  
7 Chhagan, Esq., based on plaintiff's assignment of these amounts to plaintiff's attorney (*see*  
8 Plaintiff's Declaration Regarding Net Worth and Payment of EAJA Fees, Dkt. 14, Attachment 4;  
9 *see also* Attachment 5). If there is an offset, the remainder shall be made payable to plaintiff,  
10 based on the practice of the Department of the Treasury (*see, e.g.*, Case No. 2:15-cv-122, Dkt.  
11 22, p. 4). Any check for EAJA fees shall be mailed to plaintiff's counsel, Victoria B. Chhagan,  
12 Esq., at Douglas, Drachler, McKee & Gilbrough, 1904 Third Avenue, Seattle, WA 98101.

13 Dated this 27th day of February, 2018.

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15 J. Richard Creatura  
16 United States Magistrate Judge