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After the Court issues the order for EAJA fees and expenses, the Commissioner will 1 consider the matter of Plaintiff's assignment of EAJA fees and expenses to Plaintiff's 2 3 attorney. Pursuant to Astrue v. Ratliff, the ability to honor the assignment will depend on whether the EAJA fees and expenses are subject to any offset allowed under the Treasury 4 5 Offset Program. The Commissioner agrees to contact the Department of Treasury after the order for EAJA fees and expenses is entered to determine whether the EAJA fees and 6 7 expenses are subject to any offset. If the EAJA fees and expenses are not subject to any 8 offset, the EAJA attorney's fees and expenses will be paid directly to plaintiff's attorney 9 Eitan Kassel Yanich, either by direct deposit or by check payable to him and mailed to his address. 10 DATED this 9th day of January, 2013. 11 12 13 Ronald B. Leighton 14 United States District Judge 15 Presented by: 16 17 S/EITAN KASSEL YANICH EITAN KASSEL YANICH, WSBA #13690 18 Attorney for Plaintiff 19 20 21 22 23

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