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After the Court issues the order for EAJA fees and expenses, the Commissioner 1 will 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 21st day of March, 2014. 11 12 13 **RONALD B. LEIGHTON** UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE 14 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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