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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
AT TACOMA

RODNEY DEAN CHAPPELL,

Petitioner,

v.

STEPHEN D. SINCLAIR,

Respondent.

CASE NO. C14-5191 RBL-KLS

ORDER DENYING PETITIONER'S  
MOTION FOR DEFAULT  
JUDGMENT

Before the Court is Petitioner Rodney D. Chappell's motion for default judgment. Dkt. 17. Petitioner asks the Court to grant the relief requested in his petition for writ of habeas corpus because, as of May 1, 2014, he had not received a copy of Respondent's answer. *Id.* On May 1, 2014, Respondent filed a response with the relevant state court record and certified that copies were sent by mail to Petitioner that same day. Dkts. 14 and 15. The petition is noted for the Court's consideration on May 30, 2014.

Accordingly, it is **ORDERED:**

(1) Petitioner's motion for default (Dkt. 17) is **DENIED.**

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1 (2) The Clerk shall send a copy of this Order to Petitioner and counsel for  
2 Respondent.

3 **DATED** this 15<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2014.

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7 United States Magistrate Judge  
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