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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
AT TACOMA

KENNETH L. WELKER,  
  
Plaintiff,

v.

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

CASE NO. 3:16-cv-05145 JRC

ORDER ON UNOPPOSED  
MOTION FOR EQUAL ACCESS  
TO JUSTICE ACT FEES AND  
EXPENSES

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. 5; Consent to Proceed Before a United States Magistrate Judge, Dkt. 6).

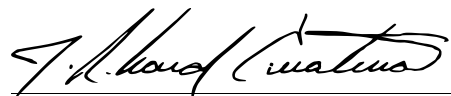
This matter is before the Court on plaintiff’s Motion for Attorney’s Fees and Expenses Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2412. *See* Dkt. 29. Defendant has no objection to plaintiff’s motion. *See* Dkt. 30.

Based on the Equal Access to Justice Act, 28 U.S.C. § 2412, (“EAJA”), plaintiff’s motion (*see* Dkt. 29), the attorney declaration and time and expense itemizations (Dkt. 29, Attachments 2, 3), and the relevant record, it is hereby ORDERED that EAJA attorney’s fees of \$7,507.71

1 and expenses in the amount of \$10.39, shall be awarded to plaintiff pursuant to the EAJA and  
2 consistent with *Astrue v. Ratliff*, 130 S.Ct. 2521, 2524, 2010 U.S. LEXIS 4763 at \*\*\*6-\*\*\*7  
3 (2010).

4 The Acting Commissioner shall contact the Department of Treasury after the Order for  
5 EAJA fees and expenses is entered to determine if the EAJA fees and expenses are subject to any  
6 offset. If it is determined that plaintiff's EAJA fees and expenses are not subject to any offset  
7 allowed pursuant to the Department of the Treasury's Offset Program, then the EAJA fees and  
8 expenses shall be paid directly to Eitan Kassel Yanich, Esq., either by direct deposit or by check  
9 payable to him, based on plaintiff's assignment of these amounts to plaintiff's attorney. *See*  
10 Plaintiff's Declaration Regarding Net Worth and Payment of EAJA Fees, Dkt. 28. If there is an  
11 offset, the remainder shall be made payable to plaintiff, based on the practice of the Department  
12 of the Treasury. *See, e.g.*, Case No. 2:15-cv-122, Dkt. 22, p. 4. Any check for EAJA fees and  
13 expenses shall be mailed to plaintiff's counsel, Eitan Kassel Yanich, Esq., at Law Office of Eitan  
14 Kassel Yanich, PLLC, 203 Fourth Avenue E., Suite 321, Olympia, WA 98501.

15 Dated this 30th day of June, 2017.

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17 J. Richard Creatura  
18 United States Magistrate Judge