

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF WEST VIRGINIA  
AT BLUEFIELD

MELISSA HUGHES,

Plaintiff,

v.

CIVIL ACTION NO. 1:21-00364

KILOLO KIJAKAZI,  
Acting Commissioner of the  
Social Security Administration,

Defendant.

**MEMORANDUM OPINION AND ORDER**

By Standing Order, this action was referred to United States Magistrate Judge Cheryl A. Eifert for submission of findings and recommendation regarding disposition pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1)(B). Magistrate Judge Eifert submitted to the court her Proposed Findings and Recommendation ("PF&R") on March 7, 2022, in which she recommended that the court grant the plaintiff's motion for judgment on the pleadings to the extent that it seeks remand of the Commissioner's decision; deny defendant's request to affirm the Commissioner's decision; reverse the final decision of the Commissioner, remand the case to the Commissioner pursuant to sentence four of 42 U.S.C. § 405(g) for further proceedings as outlined in the PF&R; and dismiss this matter from the court's docket with prejudice.

In accordance with the provisions of 28 U.S.C. § 636(b), plaintiff was allotted fourteen days and three mailing days in which to file any objections to Magistrate Judge Eifert's

Proposed Findings and Recommendation. The failure of any party to file such objections within the time allowed constitutes a waiver of such party's right to a de novo review by this court. Snyder v. Ridenour, 889 F.2d 1363 (4th Cir. 1989).

Neither party filed any objections to the Magistrate Judge's Findings and Recommendations within the required time period. Accordingly, the court adopts the Findings and Recommendations of Magistrate Judge Eifert as follows:

1. Plaintiff's motion for judgment on the pleadings is **GRANTED** to the extent she seeks remand of the Commissioner's decision;
2. Defendant's request to affirm the Commissioner's decision is **DENIED**;
3. The final decision of the Commissioner is **REVERSED**;
4. The case is **REMANDED** to the Commissioner pursuant to the fourth sentence of 42 U.S.C. § 405(g) for further proceedings as outlined in the Proposed Findings and Recommendation; and
5. This matter is **DISMISSED** with prejudice

The Clerk is directed to forward a copy of this Memorandum Opinion and Order to counsel of record.

**IT IS SO ORDERED** this 28th of April, 2022.

ENTER: David A. Faber  
David A. Faber  
Senior United States District Judge