

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF WEST VIRGINIA

JOY SUE STARKEY,

Plaintiff,

v.

CIVIL ACTION NO. 1:04CV21
(Judge Keeley)

JO ANNE BARNHART, COMMISSIONER
OF SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION,

Defendant.

ORDER ADOPTING MAGISTRATE JUDGE'S
REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §636(b)(1)(B), Rule 72(b), Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and Local Court Rule 4.01(d), on February 13, 2004, the Court referred this Social Security action to United States Magistrate Judge John S. Kaul with directions to submit to the Court proposed findings of fact and a recommendation for disposition. On April 4, 2005, Magistrate Judge Kaul filed his Opinion/Report and Recommendation and directed the parties, in accordance with 28 U.S.C. §636(b)(1) and Rule 6(e), Fed. R. Civ. P., to file with the Clerk of Court any written objections within ten (10) days after being served with a copy of the Opinion/Report and Recommendation and further directed the parties that failure to file objections would result in a waiver of the right to appeal

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from the judgment of this Court. The parties did not file any objections.

Upon consideration of the Magistrate Judge's recommendation and having received no written objections,¹ the Court accepts and approves the Opinion/Report and Recommendation. Therefore, it is

ORDERED That Magistrate Judge Kaul's Opinion/Report and Recommendation be, and hereby are, accepted in whole and that this civil action be disposed of in accordance with the recommendation of the Magistrate. Accordingly,

1. The plaintiff's motion for Summary Judgment (Docket No. 15) is **DENIED**;
2. The defendant's motion for Summary Judgment (Docket No. 16) is **GRANTED**; and
3. This civil action is **DISMISSED WITH PREJUDICE** and **RETIRED** from the docket of this Court.

The Clerk of Court is directed to enter a separate judgment order. Fed.R.Civ.P. 58.

¹ The failure of the parties to object to the Report and Recommendation not only waives their appellate rights in this matter, but also relieves the Court of any obligation to conduct a *de novo* review of the issues presented. See Wells v. Shriners Hospital, 109 F.3d 198, 199-200 (4th Cir. 1997); Thomas v. Arn, 474 U.S. 140, 148-153 (1985).

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The Clerk of the Court is directed to transmit copies of this Order to counsel of record.

DATED: May 13, 2005.



IRENE M. KEELEY
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE