

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

HAROLD K. RUMER, JR.,

Plaintiff,

v.

CIVIL ACTION NO. 1:04CV67
(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 April 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 8, 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.

The Magistrate Judge determined that the record did not contain substantial evidence to support the Administrative Law Judge's decision that Rumer was not under a disability at any time through the date of his decision and recommended that the matter be remanded for further proceedings.

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. 9) is **GRANTED-IN-PART**;

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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2. The defendant's motion for Summary Judgment (Docket No. 10) is **DENIED**;
3. Pursuant to 42 U.S.C. §§ 405(g) and 1383(c)(3), this matter is **REMANDED** to the Commissioner for further proceeding consistent with the recommendations contained in the Magistrate Judge's Opinion/Report and Recommendation; and
4. 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. If a petition for fees pursuant to the Equal Access to Justice Act (EAJA) is contemplated, the plaintiff is warned that, as announced in Shalala v. Schaefer, 113 S.Ct. 2625 (1993), the time for such a petition expires ninety days thereafter.

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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