

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

KENNETH E. LEGGETT,

Plaintiff,

v.

CIVIL ACTION NO. 1:07CV148  
(Judge Keeley)

COMMISSIONER OF SOCIAL SECURITY,

Defendant.

ORDER ADOPTING MAGISTRATE JUDGE'S  
REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION/OPINION

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 November 6, 2007, the Court referred this Social Security action to United States Magistrate John S. Kaul with directions to submit to the Court proposed findings of fact and a recommendation for disposition. On November 27, 2007, plaintiff, Kenneth E. Leggett ("Leggett"), sent a letter to Magistrate Judge Kaul requesting the cancellation of a hearing scheduled on November 29, 2007 and stating that he was "not pursuing the matter any further". The Court filed Leggett's letter as a motion to dismiss.

On December 5, 2007 Magistrate Kaul filed his 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

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Clerk of Court any written objections within ten (10) days after being served with a copy of the Report and Recommendation and further directed the parties that failure to file objections would result in a waiver of the right to appeal 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,<sup>1</sup> the Court accepts and approves the Report and Recommendation. Therefore, it is

**ORDERED** that Magistrate Kaul's Report and Recommendation be accepted in whole and that this civil action be disposed of in accordance with the recommendation of the Magistrate. Accordingly, 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.

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<sup>1</sup> Leggett's failure to object to the Report and Recommendation not only waives his 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 (4<sup>th</sup> 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: January 4, 2008

/s/ Irene M. Keeley  
IRENE M. KEELEY  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE