

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

CHARLES E. SANDY, II,

Plaintiff,

v.

CIVIL ACTION NO. 1:08CV120  
(Judge Keeley)

MICHAEL J. ASTRUE, COMMISSIONER  
OF SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION,

Defendant.

ORDER ADOPTING MAGISTRATE JUDGE'S  
OPINION/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 June 4, 2008, 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 June 16, 2009, Magistrate Judge Kaul filed his Report and Recommendation/Opinion ("R&R"), 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 R&R. He further directed the parties that failure to file

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

1. the Commissioner's motion for Summary Judgment (dkt. no. 18) is **GRANTED**;
2. the plaintiff's motion for Summary Judgment or in the alternative motion to remand for consideration of new and material evidence (dkt. no. 14) is **DENIED**; and
3. this civil action is **DISMISSED WITH PREJUDICE** and **RETIRED** from the docket of this Court.

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<sup>1</sup> Sandy'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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Pursuant to Fed.R.Civ.P. 58, the Court directs the Clerk of Court to enter a separate judgment order and to transmit copies of this Order to counsel of record.

DATED: July 9, 2009

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