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6 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
7 AT SEATTLE

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9 ACTIONS SEEKING REVIEW OF THE
10 COMMISSIONER OF SOCIAL SECURITY'S
11 FINAL DECISION DENYING AN
12 APPLICATION FOR BENEFITS

GENERAL ORDER 05-15
RE: SOCIAL SECURITY CASES

13 A significant number of cases seeking review of the Commissioner of Social Security's
14 ("Commissioner") decision denying an application for benefits are filed in this District. The
15 Court is interested in facilitating the efficient resolution of those complaints. To this end, the
16 Court has adopted the following rules pertaining to all complaints instituted by a plaintiff against
17 the Commissioner in which the only claim that is being brought is pursuant to 42 U.S.C.
18 § 405(g).

19 **THE COURT HEREBY ORDERS:**

20 (1) No later than service of the summons and complaint, the plaintiff shall provide the
21 United States Attorney's Office for the Western District of Washington ("USAO-WDWA") with
22 the plaintiff's full name and social security number. This identifying information is necessary
23 for the Commissioner to obtain and produce the certified administrative record. This information

1 shall be provided to the USAO-WDWA either by email to USAWAW.SSAClerk@usdoj.gov or
2 delivery, by hand or mail, to “SSA Clerk Civil Division” at 700 Stewart Street, Suite 5220,
3 Seattle, WA 98101.

4 (2) Within 60 days following service of the summons and complaint on the USAO-
5 WDWA, the Commissioner shall file the certified administrative record and serve it on the
6 plaintiff as the Commissioner’s Answer. No separate Answer need be filed.

7 (3) The Commissioner is not required to file a Notice of Filing of the Certified
8 Administrative Record when the administrative record is filed in electronic format. Such notice
9 shall only be required in cases where the administrative record is filed in paper format.

10 (4) The effective date of this Order is June 1, 2015. The Court reserves the right
11 to modify this order from time to time, or to rescind the order entirely, as the Court
12 determines necessary in light of experience.

13 (5) The Clerk of Court shall post a copy of this Order on the Court’s website, and
14 shall distribute copies as the Clerk deems appropriate.

15 DATED this 1st day of June, 2015.

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18 MARSHA J. PECHMAN
19 Chief United States District Judge
20 Western District of Washington
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