

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF MAINE

MERLE PIERCE,)
)
 Plaintiff,)
)
 v.) 1:10-cv-00242-JAW
)
 MICHAEL J. ASTRUE,)
 Commissioner of Social Security,)
)
 Defendant.)

**ORDER AFFIRMING THE
RECOMMENDED DECISION OF THE MAGISTRATE JUDGE**

The United States Magistrate Judge filed with the Court on July 7, 2011 his Recommended Decision (Docket # 21). The Plaintiff filed his objections to the Recommended Decision on July 25, 2011 (Docket # 22) and the Defendant filed his response to those objections on July 25, 2011 (Docket # 23). I have reviewed and considered the Magistrate Judge's Recommended Decision, together with the entire record; I have made a de novo determination of all matters adjudicated by the Magistrate Judge's Recommended Decision; and I concur with the recommendations of the United States Magistrate Judge for the reasons set forth in his Recommended Decision, and determine that no further proceeding is necessary.

1. It is therefore ORDERED that the Recommended Decision of the Magistrate Judge is hereby AFFIRMED.
2. It is further ORDERED that the Commissioner's decision be and hereby is AFFIRMED.

SO ORDERED.

/s/ John A. Woodcock, Jr.
JOHN A. WOODCOCK, JR.
CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

Dated this 29th day of July, 2011

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