

\$30,704.00 that petitioner is requesting, including \$30,245.68 to cover fees and expenses incurred by petitioner's counsel, plus \$458.32 to cover litigation expenses incurred personally by petitioner.

I find that this petition was brought in good faith and that there existed a reasonable basis for the claim. Therefore, an award for fees and costs is appropriate, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. §§ 300aa-15(b) and (e)(1). Further, the proposed amount seems reasonable and appropriate. **Accordingly, I hereby award the total \$30,704.00³ as follows:**

- **a lump sum of \$30,245.68 in the form of a check payable jointly to petitioner and petitioner's attorney, Ronald C. Homer, for petitioner's attorneys' fees and costs, and**
- **a lump sum of \$458.32 in the form of a check payable to petitioner, James MacDougall, Jr., for his personal litigation costs.**

The clerk of the court shall enter judgment in accordance herewith.⁴

IT IS SO ORDERED.

s/Thomas L. Gowen
Thomas L. Gowen
Special Master

³ This amount is intended to cover all legal expenses incurred in this matter. This award encompasses all charges by the attorney against a client, "advanced costs" as well as fees for legal services rendered. Furthermore, 42 U.S.C. § 300aa-15(e)(3) prevents an attorney from charging or collecting fees (including costs) that would be in addition to the amount awarded herein. See *generally Beck v. Sec'y, HHS*, 924 F.2d 1029 (Fed. Cir.1991).

⁴ Entry of judgment can be expedited by each party's filing of a notice renouncing the right to seek review. See Vaccine Rule 11(a).