

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEW
HAMPSHIRE

Matthew Cotoni v. Chris Hollins, et al.

Cotoni · No. 23-cv-271-SM · Decided January 13, 2026

SUMMARY

The United States District Court for the District of New Hampshire approved, without objection, a magistrate judge's Report and Recommendation dated December 9, 2025. The court directed the clerk to enter judgment and close the case, noting that issues not specifically raised in objections to a magistrate judge's report may be waived on appeal.

CASE DETAILS

COURT	United States District Court for the District of New Hampshire
WRITING FOR THE COURT	Steven J. McAuliffe
JURISDICTION	United States District Court for the District of New Hampshire
DECIDED	January 13, 2026
DOCKET	23-cv-271-SM
DISPOSITION	approved
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	The district court reviewed a magistrate judge's Report and Recommendation. No objection was filed, so the district court approved the Report and Recommendation, directed entry of judgment, and closed the case.
STANDARD OF REVIEW	Only issues fairly raised by objections to a magistrate judge's report are subject to district-court review; issues not preserved by objection are precluded on appeal.
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	Unknown
PARTIES	Matthew Cotoni v. Chris Hollins, et al.

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QUESTIONS PRESENTED

1. What is the effect of a party's failure to object to a magistrate judge's Report and Recommendation?
2. Whether the district court should approve the Report and Recommendation and close the case when no objection was filed.

HOLDINGS

1. Only issues fairly raised by objections to the magistrate judge's report are subject to district-court review, and issues not preserved by objection are generally precluded on appeal.

KEY QUOTATIONS

“ “[O]nly those issues fairly raised by the objections to the magistrate's report are subject to review in the district court and those not preserved by such objection are precluded on appeal.” ” (at 1)

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

The opinion concerns Matthew Cotoni's civil action against Chris Hollins and other defendants. Magistrate Judge Andrea K. Johnstone issued a Report and Recommendation on December 9, 2025. No objection was filed.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

Magistrate Judge Andrea K. Johnstone issued a Report and Recommendation dated December 9, 2025. No party objected. District Judge Steven J. McAuliffe approved the Report and Recommendation, ordered the clerk to enter judgment, and closed the case.

DISPOSITION

approved

CASES CITED

- School Union No. 37 v. United Nat'l Ins. Co., 617 F.3d 554, 564 (1st Cir. 2010)
- Keating v. Secretary of Health & Human Servs., 848 F.2d 271, 275 (1st Cir. 1988)
- United States v. Valencia-Copete, 792 F.2d 4, 6 (1st Cir. 1986)

OPINION

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF NEW HAMPSHIRE Matthew Cotoni v. Case No. 23-cv-271-SM Chris Hollins, et al ORDER No objection having been filed, I herewith approve the Report and Recommendation of Magistrate Judge Andrea K. Johnstone dated December 9, 2025, for the reasons set forth therein. “ “[O]nly those issues fairly raised by the objections to the magistrate's report are subject to review in the district court and those not preserved by such objection are precluded on appeal.” ” School Union No. 37 v. United Nat'l Ins.

Co., 617 F.3d 554, 564 (1st Cir. 2010) (quoting *Keating v. Secretary of Health & Human Servs.*, 848 F.2d 271, 275 (1st Cir.1988)); see also *United States v. Valencia-Copete*, 792 F.2d 4, 6 (1st Cir. 1986) (after proper notice, failure to file a specific objection to magistrate's report will waive the right to appeal).

The clerk of court shall enter judgment and close the case. So Ordered.

Steven J. McAuliffe United States District Judge Date: January 13, 2026 cc: Matthew Cotoni, pro se Counsel of Record