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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA GAINESVILLE DIVISION

TERESA D. HUGHES,

Plaintiff,

vs.

CASE NO. 1:08cv0046-MP/WCS

MICHAEL J. ASTRUE, Commissioner, Social Security Administration,

Defendant.

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REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION

The Defendant has filed a motion to remand of this cause to the Commissioner pursuant to sentence four of 42 U.S.C. § 405(g). Plaintiff's counsel does not object to the motion. Doc. 14. A sentence four remand is discretionary, but requires that the court enter "a judgment affirming, modifying, or reversing the decision of the Commissioner." The proper option in this case is to reverse the Commissioner's decision and remand. <u>Melkonyan v. Sullivan</u>, 111 S.Ct. 2157 (1991); <u>Shalala v.</u> <u>Schaefer</u>, 509 U.S. 292, 113 S.Ct. 2625, 125 L.Ed.2d 239 (1993).

It is therefore respectfully **RECOMMENDED** that:

- 1. The court **GRANT** Defendant's motion for remand, doc. 14.
- 2. The court **DIRECT** the Clerk to enter final judgment **REVERSING** the

Commissioner's decision to deny benefits and **REMANDING** the application to the

Commissioner for rehearing pursuant to sentence four of 42 U.S.C. § 405(g) consistent

with this report and recommendation.

IN CHAMBERS at Tallahassee, Florida, this <u>30th</u> day of December, 2008.

s/ William C. Sherrill, Jr. WILLIAM C. SHERRILL, JR. UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

NOTICE TO THE PARTIES

A party may file specific, written objections to the proposed findings and recommendations within 15 days after being served with a copy of this report and recommendation. A party may respond to another party's objections within 10 days after being served with a copy thereof. Failure to file specific objections limits the scope of review of proposed factual findings and recommendations.