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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF ARIZONA

Candiece Shields,)	
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Plaintiff,)	No. CV-09-1973-PHX-FJM
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vs.)	
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Carolyn W. Colvin,)	ORDER
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Defendant.)	
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The court has before it plaintiff's Motion for an award of fees under 42 U.S.C. section 406(b) (doc. 40), Memorandum (doc. 41), defendant's Response (doc. 43) and plaintiff's Reply (doc. 44). Plaintiff seeks an award of fees of \$29,626.00, representing 25% of past due benefits. Having billed 25.5 hours, this represents an hourly rate of \$1,161.80. Plaintiff acknowledges that the hourly rate is "high," but argues that it is "not unreasonable." Reply at 2. (doc. 44). Defendant acknowledges that it is not a party to a fee award under section 406(b), unlike the earlier award under the Equal Access to Justice Act, but invites us to scrutinize the request because it is so much higher than awards it has identified in its Response at 3 (doc. 43).

