IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT WESTERN DISTRICT OF ARKANSAS FORT SMITH DIVISION

TERRY L. WILLIAMS

PLAINTIFF

DEFENDANT

vs.

Civil No. 2:07-cv-02085

MICHAEL J. ASTRUE Commissioner, Social Security Administration

<u>ORDER</u>

Before the Court is the Report and Recommendation filed on December 22, 2008 by the Honorable Barry A. Bryant, United States Magistrate Judge for the Western District of Arkansas. (Doc. No. 14). Judge Bryant recommends that Plaintiff's Application for Attorney Fees Under the Equal Access to Justice Act ("EAJA") be **GRANTED**. Defendant has not filed objections to the Report and Recommendation, and the time to object has passed. *See* 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1).

Accordingly, this Court finds that counsel is entitled to compensation under the EAJA for 36.60 attorney hours at an hourly rate of \$156.00, and expenses of \$24.39 for a total award of \$5,733.99. This amount should be paid in addition to, and not out of, any past due benefits which Plaintiff may be awarded in the future.

The parties are reminded that the award herein under the EAJA will be taken into account at such time as a reasonable fee is determined pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 406 in order to prevent double recovery by counsel for Plaintiff.

IT IS SO ORDERED this 23rdday of January, 2009.

<u>/s/Jimm Larry Hendren</u> HON. JIMM LARRY HENDREN UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE