

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS

ANTHONY E. TRAVELSTEAD,)	
)	
Plaintiff,)	
)	
vs.)	CIVIL NO. 12-cv-896-CJP
)	
COMMISSIONER OF SOCIAL SECURITY,)	
)	
Defendant.)	

MEMORANDUM AND ORDER

PROUD, Magistrate Judge:

This matter is now before the Court on the Parties’ Joint Stipulation to Remand. (Doc. 23).

There are only two avenues for remanding a social security case. Remand can be ordered pursuant to sentence four or to sentence six of 42 U.S.C. § 405(g). A sentence four remand depends upon a finding of error, and is itself a final, appealable order. In contrast, a sentence six remand is for the purpose of receipt of new evidence, but does not determine whether the Commissioner’s decision as rendered was correct. A sentence six remand is not an appealable order. See, *Melkonyan v. Sullivan*, 501 U.S. 89 (1991); *Perlman v. Swiss Bank Corporation Comprehensive Disability Protection Plan*, 195 F.3d 975, 978 (7th Cir. 1999).

Here, the parties stipulate that this case should be remanded pursuant to sentence four. In accordance with *Schaefer v. Shalala*, 509 U.S. 292, 302-303 (1993), judgment will be entered in favor of plaintiff.

Mr. Travelstead applied for benefits in June, 2009, and the ALJ issued his decision in May, 2011. (Tr. 27-39). Administrative remedies were not completed until July, 2012, when the Appeals Council denied review. (Tr. 1). While recognizing that the agency has a full docket, the Court urges the Commissioner to expedite this matter to the extent practicable.

For good cause shown, the parties' Stipulation to Remand (**Doc. 23**) is **GRANTED**.

The final decision of the Commissioner of Social Security denying Anthony E. Travelstead's application for social security benefits is **REVERSED and REMANDED** to the Commissioner for rehearing and reconsideration of the evidence, pursuant to sentence **four** of 42 U.S.C. §405(g).

The Clerk of Court is directed to enter judgment in favor of plaintiff.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATED: June 26, 2013.

s/ Clifford J. Proud
CLIFFORD J. PROUD
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE