

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

DAWN R. GOODNIGHT,)	
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Plaintiff,)	
)	
vs.)	CIVIL NO. 17-cv-728-JPG-CJP
)	
NANCY A. BERRYHILL, Acting)	
Commissioner of Social Security,)	
)	
Defendant.)	

MEMORANDUM AND ORDER

Before the Court is the parties’ Agreed Motion for Remand to the Commissioner (Doc. 20). The parties ask that this case be remanded for further proceedings pursuant to sentence four of 42 U.S.C. § 405(g). A sentence four remand (as opposed to a sentence six remand) depends upon a finding of error and is itself a final, appealable order. *See Melkonyan v. Sullivan*, 501 U.S. 89 (1991); *Perlman v. Swiss Bank Corp. Comprehensive Disability Prot. Plan*, 195 F.3d 975, 978 (7th Cir. 1999). Upon a sentence four remand, judgment should be entered in favor of plaintiff. *Shalala v. Schaefer*, 509 U.S. 292, 302-03 (1993).

The parties agree that, upon remand, “the ALJ will offer Plaintiff the opportunity for a hearing and will receive additional evidence. In accordance with agency regulations and rulings, the ALJ will evaluate Plaintiff’s mental impairments and will reassess Plaintiff’s credibility and residual functional capacity. If necessary, the ALJ will obtain vocational expert testimony to assist in determining whether Plaintiff can perform a significant number of jobs in the national economy. After reevaluating the evidence, the ALJ will issue a new decision regarding the disability application.”

Plaintiff applied for disability benefits in July 2013. (Tr. 19.) While recognizing that the

agency has a full docket, the Court urges the Commissioner to expedite this case on remand.

For good cause shown, the parties' Agreed Motion for Remand to the Commissioner (Doc. 20) is **GRANTED**. The final decision of the Commissioner of Social Security denying Dawn R. Goodnight'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: March 6, 2018

s/ J. Phil Gilbert
J. PHIL GILBERT
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE