

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Mellisa Richardson,)	Civil Action No.: 5:13-1846-BHH
)	
Plaintiff,)	
)	
v.)	<u>ORDER</u>
)	
Carolyn Colvin, Acting Commissioner of Social Security,)	
)	
Defendant.)	
)	

On July 18, 2016, Paul T. McChesney, (“McChesney”), counsel for Plaintiff Mellisa Richardson (“Plaintiff”), filed a motion for attorney’s fees pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 406(b). (ECF No. 46). In the motion, McChesney requests reimbursement for representation provided in the above-referenced case in the amount \$32,994.25. *Id.*

As required by 42 U.S.C. § 406(b), the amount requested by counsel is not greater than twenty-five percent (25%) of the past-due benefits recovered by Plaintiff. Counsel for the Acting Commissioner of Social Security (“Commissioner”) filed a Response to the Motion on August 17, 2016, in which he states that the Commissioner does not oppose an award of attorney’s fees under § 406(b). (ECF No. 48). The Court has reviewed the motion, counsel’s fee petition, and the accompanying fee agreement and finds that the request for fees is reasonable.

Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED that Plaintiff’s Motion for Attorney’s Fees (ECF No. 46) pursuant to the Social Security Act, 42 U.S.C. § 406(b), be and hereby is GRANTED in the amount of \$32,994.25.¹

¹Plaintiff’s motion for EAJA fees was denied by Magistrate Judge Kaymani D. West on February 19, 2016, who found that the Commissioner’s position was substantially justified. (ECF No. 44). Therefore, there is no EAJA offset.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

/s/Bruce Howe Hendricks
United States District Judge

October 12, 2016
Greenville, South Carolina