IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF WISCONSIN

BONNIE L. SCHERER,

Plaintiff,

v.

Case No. 16-C-1421

COMMISSIONER OF SOCIAL SECURITY,

Defendant.

ORDER GRANTING STIPULATION FOR ATTORNEY'S FEES PURSUANT TO THE EQUAL ACCESS TO JUSTICE ACT, 28 U.S.C. § 2412

Pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 406(b) and the Fee Agreement entered into by Plaintiff and Counsel for Plaintiff, Plaintiff has filed an unopposed motion for approval of attorneys fees in the amount of \$17,635.00, which is 25 percent of \$70,540.00, which in turn is the total past-due benefits awarded to Plaintiff by the Social Security Administration. Counsel for Plaintiff states that Plaintiff is entitled to a refund from Counsel in the amount of \$4,099.72 for payment of fees under the Equal Access to Justice Act (EAJA). Although the EAJA Award was originally for \$7,600.60, \$3,500.88 of the award was applied to an existing federal debt owed by the plaintiff, leaving \$4,099.72 paid to Attorney Schultz. Based on Plaintiff's submission, the Court concludes the award is reasonable. Plaintiff's counsel is entitled to attorney fees in the amount of \$13,535.28, which represents 25 percent of Plaintiff's past-due benefits awarded by the Social Security Administration (\$17,635.00), less \$4,099.72 in attorneys' fees that counsel received from this court previous award.

SO ORDERED this <u>31st</u> day of August, 2018.

s/ William C. Griesbach William C. Griesbach, Chief Judge United States District Judge