## IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF KANSAS

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LETINA HATCH,

v.

Plaintiff,

Defendant.

**CIVIL ACTION** 

MICHAEL J. ASTRUE,<sup>1</sup> Commissioner of Social Security, No. 06-2286-KHV

## **ORDER**

This matter comes before the Court on <u>Defendant's Unopposed Motion To Reverse And Remand</u> <u>And For Entry Of Final Judgment</u> (Doc. #9) filed March 14, 2007. For reasons set forth below, the Court sustains the motion.

Defendant argues that the Court should reverse the decision of the Commissioner of Social Security and remand this case for further consideration of plaintiff's disability insurance benefits claim under Title II of the Social Security Act, 42 U.S.C. § 401 <u>et seq.</u><sup>2</sup> Under Section 405(g), sentence four,<sup>3</sup> the Court may enter "a judgment affirming, modifying, or reversing the decision of the Commissioner of Social Security, with or without remanding the cause for a rehearing." Plaintiff does not oppose the

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Michael J. Astrue became Commissioner of Social Security on February 12, 2007. Pursuant to Rule 25(d)(1) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, Michael J. Astrue is substituted for Jo Anne B. Barnhart as defendant in this suit.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Defendant notes that the Appeals Council has agreed to voluntarily remand the matter to an Administrative Law Judge for further development once the Court sustains the motion.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Section 405(g) provides two distinct mechanisms of remand in sentences four and six respectively, making it necessary to specify a sentence four remand in this case. <u>See Shalala v.</u> <u>Schaefer</u>, 509 U.S. 292, 296-97 (1993).

motion. The Court therefore finds that for substantially the same reasons set forth in defendant's motion, the decision of the Commissioner of Social Security in this case is reversed and the case is remanded to the Commissioner for rehearing pursuant to Section 405(g), sentence four.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED** that <u>Defendant's Unopposed Motion To Reverse And</u> <u>Remand And For Entry Of Final Judgment</u> (Doc. #9) filed March 14, 2007 be and hereby is **SUSTAINED**. The decision of the Commissioner of Social Security in this case is reversed and the case is remanded to the Commissioner for rehearing pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 405(g), sentence four.

Dated this 19th day of March, 2007 at Kansas City, Kansas.

<u>s/ Kathryn H. Vratil</u> Kathryn H. Vratil United States District Judge