

APPEAL NO. 002658

This appeal arises pursuant to the Texas Workers' Compensation Act, TEX. LAB. CODE ANN. § 401.001 *et seq.* (1989 Act). A contested case hearing (CCH) was held on October 17, 2000. The hearing officer resolved the disputed issues of injury and disability by deciding:

1. The appellant (claimant) did not sustain a compensable injury on _____; and
2. The claimant did not have disability.

The claimant appealed and the respondent (carrier) responded.

DECISION

Finding sufficient evidence to support the decision of the hearing officer and no reversible error in the record, we affirm the decision and order of the hearing officer.

There was conflicting evidence presented at the CCH on the disputed issues. The hearing officer's determinations on the issues are not so against the great weight and preponderance of the evidence as to be clearly wrong or manifestly unjust. Cain v. Bain, 709 S.W.2d 175, 176 (Tex. 1986). The claimant alleges bias on the part of the hearing officer. We have stated that we will not infer bias based upon the mere allegation of bias. See Texas Workers' Compensation Commission Appeal No. 981719, decided September 9, 1998.

The decision and order of the hearing officer are affirmed.

Gary L. Kilgore
Appeals Judge

CONCUR:

Susan M. Kelley
Appeals Judge

Judy L. Stephens
Appeals Judge