

APPEAL NO. 011583
FILED AUGUST 22, 2001

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 June 19, 2001. With respect to the disputed issues, the appellant (carrier) appealed the hearing officer's determinations that the respondent (claimant) sustained a compensable injury on _____, and that the claimant had disability from December 30, 2000, through January 15, 2001, and from January 18, 2001, to March 19, 2001, contending that there is no evidence, or insufficient evidence, to support those determinations. The claimant responds, urging affirmance. The hearing officer's determination that the claimant timely reported the injury to his employer has not been appealed.

DECISION

Reversed and remanded.

This case is remanded for the sole purpose of compliance with HB 2600 amending Section 410.164, effective June 17, 2001. Section 410.164 was amended by the addition of subsection (c), which provides as follows:

- (c) At each [CCH], as applicable, the insurance carrier shall file with the hearing officer and shall deliver to the claimant a single document stating the true corporate name of the insurance carrier and the name and address of the insurance carrier's registered agent for service of process. The document is part of the record of the [CCH].

The hearing officer procedure for implementing this statutory amendment is in the June 19, 2001, Texas Workers' Compensation Commission (Commission) memorandum to hearing officers, and states "RE: Required Insurance Carrier Information."

A rehearing on remand is required to obtain this information and admit it into the record. The hearing officer may reissue her original decision as the Decision on Remand with the added information, or may incorporate by reference the original decision into a Decision on Remand with the added information. See Texas Workers' Compensation Commission Appeal No. 011533-S, decided August 6, 2001.

Pending resolution of the remand, a final decision has not been made in this case. However, since reversal and remand necessitate the issuance of a new decision and order by the hearing officer, a party who wishes to appeal from such new decision must file a request for review not later than 15 days after the date on which such new decision is received from the Commission's Division of Hearings, pursuant to Section 410.202 (amended June

17, 2001). See Texas Workers' Compensation Commission Appeal No. 92642, decided January 20, 1993.

Robert W. Potts
Appeals Judge

CONCUR:

Judy L. S. Barnes
Appeals Judge

Thomas A. Knapp
Appeals Judge