

APPEAL NO. 011612
FILED SEPTEMBER 4, 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, in _____, Texas, with _____ (hearing officer) presiding as hearing officer. The hearing officer resolved the disputed issues by deciding that the respondent's (claimant) compensable injury of _____, includes a medial meniscus tear, a medial collateral ligament injury, and grade II degenerative changes of the left knee; and that the claimant has had disability from February 2, 2001, through the date of the CCH. The appellant (carrier) appealed and the claimant responded.

DECISION

The hearing officer's decision is affirmed.

It is undisputed that the claimant sustained a compensable injury to her left knee. The disputed issues involved the extent of the injury and whether the claimant has had disability as defined by Section 401.011(16). Conflicting medical opinions were presented on the issues. The hearing officer is the sole judge of the weight and credibility of the evidence. Section 410.165(a). As the finder of fact, the hearing officer resolves the conflicts in the evidence and determines what facts have been established from the evidence presented. The hearing officer's decision is supported by the claimant's testimony and by the reports of the treating doctor and referral doctor. The hearing officer's decision is supported by sufficient evidence and is not so against the great weight and preponderance of the evidence as to be clearly wrong and unjust.

The hearing officer's decision and order are affirmed.

The true corporate name of the insurance carrier is **TWIN CITY FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY** and the name and address of its registered agent for service of process is

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Robert W. Potts
Appeals Judge

CONCUR:

Elaine M. Chaney
Appeals Judge

Susan M. Kelley
Appeals Judge