

APPEAL NO. 012164  
FILED OCTOBER 31, 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 August 28, 2001. The hearing officer resolved the disputed issues by deciding that the respondent (claimant) sustained a compensable repetitive trauma injury to both hands, with a date of injury of \_\_\_\_\_, and that the claimant has had disability from May 2, 2001, through the date of the CCH. The appellant (carrier) appealed and the claimant responded.

DECISION

The hearing officer's decision is affirmed.

The claimant testified that for approximately six weeks at work, she used both hands to squeeze a hand tool that crimped lugs on the end of wires and, as a result of that work, she began having pain, numbness, and tingling in her hands. The claimant's treating doctor took her off work as of May 2, 2001, and has not released her to return to work. The treating doctor referred the claimant to two other doctors, whose reports reflect that the claimant injured her hands as a result of her work activities. 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. The hearing officer's decision on both disputed issues 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. Cain v. Bain, 709 S.W.2d 175 (Tex. 1986).

The hearing officer's decision and order are affirmed.

The true corporate name of the insurance carrier is **THE INSURANCE COMPANY OF THE STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA** and the name and address of its registered agent for service of process is

**CORPORATION SERVICE COMPANY  
800 BRAZOS  
SUITE 750  
COMMODORE I  
AUSTIN, TEXAS 78701.**

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Robert W. Potts  
Appeals Judge

CONCUR:

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Elaine M. Chaney  
Appeals Judge

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Philip F. O'Neill  
Appeals Judge