

APPEAL NO. 020091  
FILED FEBRUARY 27, 2002

This appeal arises pursuant to the Texas Workers' Compensation Act, TEX. LAB. CODE ANN. § 401.001 *et seq.* (1989 Act). A contested case hearing was held on December 19, 2001. With respect to the sole issue before her, the hearing officer resolved that the respondent's (claimant) compensable injury sustained on \_\_\_\_\_, extends to and includes herniated discs at L3-4, L4-5, and L5-S1. The appellant (carrier) appealed on sufficiency grounds, and the file contained no response from the claimant.

DECISION

Affirmed.

The hearing officer did not err in determining that the claimant's compensable injury of \_\_\_\_\_, extends to and includes herniated discs at L3-4, L4-5, and L5-S1. The parties presented conflicting evidence regarding the extent of the claimant's low back injury. The hearing officer is the sole judge of the weight and credibility of the evidence. Section 410.165(a). We conclude that the hearing officer's decision is supported by sufficient evidence and that it 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 carrier is **SENTRY INSURANCE, A MUTUAL COMPANY** and the name and address of its registered agent for service of process is

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Terri Kay Oliver  
Appeals Judge

CONCUR:

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Elaine M. Chaney  
Appeals Judge

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Gary L. Kilgore  
Appeals Judge