

APPEAL NO. 020490  
FILED APRIL 23, 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 February 8, 2002. The hearing officer determined that (1) the respondent (claimant) sustained a compensable injury in the form of an occupational disease on \_\_\_\_\_; and (2) the claimant had disability beginning October 2, 2001, through the date of the hearing. The appellant (carrier) appeals the determinations on sufficiency grounds. The claimant urges affirmance.

DECISION

Affirmed.

The hearing officer did not err in reaching the complained-of determinations. The determinations involved questions of fact for the hearing officer to resolve. The hearing officer is the sole judge of the weight and credibility of the evidence (Section 410.165(a)) and, as the trier of fact, resolves the conflicts and inconsistencies in the evidence, including the medical evidence (Texas Employers Insurance Association v. Campos, 666 S.W.2d 286 (Tex. App.-Houston [14th Dist.] 1984, no writ)). The hearing officer could believe the claimant's evidence over the carrier's assertions that the claim is a retaliation claim. In view of the evidence presented, we cannot conclude that the hearing officer's determinations are 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 (Tex. 1986).

The decision and order of the hearing officer are affirmed.

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

**CORPORATION SERVICE COMPANY  
800 BRAZOS  
AUSTIN, TEXAS 78701.**

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Edward Vilano  
Appeals Judge

CONCUR:

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Philip F. O'Neill  
Appeals Judge

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Robert W. Potts  
Appeals Judge