

APPEAL NO. 020494
FILED APRIL 2, 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 January 22, 2002. The hearing officer determined that the appellant (claimant) reached maximum medical improvement on January 20, 2000, with a 2% impairment rating (IR). On appeal, the claimant contends that these determinations are against the great weight of the evidence. Additionally, the claimant urges that a remand is required because when asked by the Texas Workers' Compensation Commission (Commission) for clarification regarding the IR dispute, the designated doctor failed to respond. The respondent (carrier) urges affirmance.

DECISION

Affirmed.

In response to the claimant's assertion that the designated doctor failed to respond to the Commission's request for clarification, we note that Carrier's Exhibit No. 3 contains the designated doctor's response to the request, wherein he confirmed his original IR assignment of 2% and explained his reasoning for doing so. We have reviewed the other matters complained of by the claimant on appeal and conclude that the hearing officer's decision is not 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, 176 (Tex. 1986).

The decision and order of the hearing officer are affirmed.

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

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

Chris Cowan
Appeals Judge

CONCUR:

Thomas A. Knapp
Appeals Judge

Michael B. McShane
Appeals Judge