

APPEAL NO. 022142  
FILED SEPTEMBER 24, 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 (CCH) was held on July 18, 2002. The hearing officer determined that the appellant (claimant) sustained a compensable injury on \_\_\_\_\_, which extends to the left inguinal hernia, but not to the cervical spine or the lumbar spine, and that the claimant has disability from \_\_\_\_\_, through the date of the CCH. The claimant appeals the determinations that the compensable injury does not extend to the cervical or lumbar spine. The respondent (carrier) responds to the appeal, urging affirmance.

DECISION

We affirm the hearing officer's decision.

Essentially, the claimant quarrels with the manner in which the hearing officer gave weight and credibility to the evidence. The hearing officer is the sole judge of the relevance, materiality, weight, and credibility of the evidence presented at the hearing. Section 410.165(a). The decision should not be set aside because different inferences and conclusions may be drawn upon review, even when the record contains evidence that would lend itself to different inferences. Garza v. Commercial Insurance Company of Newark, New Jersey, 508 S.W.2d 701 (Tex. Civ. App.-Amarillo 1974, no writ). The hearing officer detailed the considerations he made regarding credibility.

The record in this case presented conflicting evidence for the hearing officer to resolve. In considering all the evidence in the record, we cannot agree that the findings of the hearing officer are so against the great weight and preponderance of the evidence as to be manifestly wrong and unjust. In re King's Estate, 150 Tex. 662, 244 S.W.2d 660 (1951). We therefore affirm the decision and order.

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

**C T CORPORATION SYSTEM  
350 NORTH ST. PAUL STREET  
DALLAS, TEXAS 75201.**

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Susan M. Kelley  
Appeals Judge

CONCUR:

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Gary L. Kilgore  
Appeals Judge

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Margaret Turner  
Appeals Judge