

APPEAL NO. 022490
FILED NOVEMBER 20, 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 September 10, 2002. The hearing officer determined that the respondent (claimant) sustained a compensable injury on _____, and that he had disability from April 11 through May 8, 2002. The appellant (carrier) appealed on sufficiency of the evidence grounds. The appeal file does not contain a response from the claimant.

DECISION

Affirmed.

Whether the claimant sustained a compensable injury and had disability are factual determinations for the hearing officer to resolve. The hearing officer, as finder of fact, is the sole judge of the relevance and materiality of the evidence, as well as the weight and credibility that is to be given to the evidence. Section 410.165(a). The Appeals Panel will not disturb the challenged factual findings of a hearing officer unless they 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, 176 (Tex. 1986); In re King's Estate, 150 Tex. 662, 244 S.W.2d 660 (1951). We have reviewed the matters complained of on appeal and conclude that the hearing officer's decision is supported by sufficient evidence.

We affirm the decision and order of the hearing officer.

The true corporate name of the insurance carrier is **AMERICAN CASUALTY COMPANY OF READING, PENNSYLVANIA** and the name and address of its registered agent for service of process is

**CT CORPORATION
350 NORTH ST. PAUL STREET
DALLAS, TEXAS 75201.**

Veronica Lopez
Appeals Judge

CONCUR:

Thomas A. Knapp
Appeals Judge

Michael B. McShane
Appeals Panel
Manager/Judge