

APPEAL NO. 023224
FILED FEBRUARY 12, 2003

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 November 22, 2002. The hearing officer determined that the respondent (claimant) sustained a compensable injury on _____, and that the claimant has had disability beginning on June 24, 2002, and continuing through the date of the CCH. The appellant (carrier) appeals those determinations. There is no response from the claimant contained in our file.

DECISION

Affirmed.

Whether the claimant sustained a compensable injury and had disability are factual questions 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 **SECURITY INSURANCE COMPANY OF HARTFORD** and the name and address of its registered agent for service of process is

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

Roy L. Warren
Appeals Judge

CONCUR:

Judy L. S. Barnes
Appeals Judge

Edward Vilano
Appeals Judge