

APPEAL NO. 032470  
FILED OCTOBER 28, 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 was held on August 26, 2003. The hearing officer determined that the appellant's (claimant) \_\_\_\_\_, compensable injury does not extend to include an injury to her cervical spine. The claimant appeals this determination. The respondent (self-insured) urges affirmance of the hearing officer's decision.

DECISION

Reversed and remanded.

Section 410.203(a)(1) requires that the Appeals Panel consider the record developed at the hearing. The audiotape recording of this hearing is virtually inaudible and is not a sufficient record for the purposes of appellate review. Accordingly, we must remand for reconstruction of the record.

Pending resolution of the remand, a final decision has not been made in this case. However, since reversal and remand necessitate the issuance of a new decision and order by the hearing officer, a party who wishes to appeal from such new decision must file a request for review not later than 15 days after the date on which such new decision is received from the Texas Workers' Compensation Commission's Division of Hearings, pursuant to Section 410.202, which was amended June 17, 2001, to exclude Saturdays and Sundays and holidays listed in Section 662.003 of the Texas Government Code in the computation of the 15-day appeal and response periods.

The true corporate name of the insurance carrier is **(a self-insured governmental entity)** and the name and address of its registered agent for service of process is

**CITY SECRETARY  
(ADDRESS)  
(CITY), TEXAS (ZIP CODE).**

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Chris Cowan  
Appeals Judge

CONCUR:

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Judy L. S. Barnes  
Appeals Judge

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Robert W. Potts  
Appeals Judge