

APPEAL NO. 032589
FILED NOVEMBER 13, 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 27, 2003. The hearing officer resolved the disputed issues by deciding that the appellant (claimant) did not sustain a compensable repetitive trauma injury with a date of injury of _____, and that she has not had disability. The claimant appeals, contending that the evidence establishes that she sustained a repetitive trauma injury and has had disability. The respondent (carrier) asserts that the evidence supports the hearing officer's decision.

DECISION

Affirmed.

The claimant contends that she sustained a repetitive trauma injury to her right upper extremity as a result of performing her work activities. The claimant had the burden to prove that she sustained a repetitive trauma injury as defined by Section 401.011(36) and that she had disability as defined by Section 401.011(16). Conflicting evidence was presented on the disputed issues. The hearing officer is the sole judge of the weight and credibility of the evidence. Section 410.165(a). As the finder of fact, the hearing officer resolves the conflicts in the evidence and determines what facts have been established. Although there is conflicting evidence in this case, we conclude that the hearing officer's determinations are supported by sufficient evidence and are not so against the great weight and preponderance of the evidence as to be clearly wrong and unjust. Cain v. Bain, 709 S.W.2d 175 (Tex. 1986). Without a compensable injury, the claimant would not have disability as defined by Section 401.011(16).

We affirm the hearing officer's decision and order.

The true corporate name of the insurance carrier is **(a self-insured political subdivision through the West Texas Educational Insurance Association)** and the name and address of its registered agent for service of process is

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

Robert W. Potts
Appeals Judge

CONCUR:

Chris Cowan
Appeals Judge

Gary L. Kilgore
Appeals Judge