

APPEAL NO. 032839  
FILED DECEMBER 15, 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 October 6, 2003. The hearing officer resolved the disputed issues by deciding that the respondent (claimant) sustained a compensable injury on \_\_\_\_\_, and that he had disability beginning on June 7, 2003, and continuing through the date of the hearing. The appellant (carrier) appealed, disputing the injury and disability determinations. The appeal file does not contain a response from the claimant.

DECISION

Affirmed.

The claimant had the burden to prove that he sustained a compensable injury as defined by Section 401.011(10) and that he had disability as defined by Section 401.011(16). 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. The hearing officer noted that the claimant's testimony was credible and that the claimant's statements about his injury were consistent with the history he gave each of his physicians. We conclude that the hearing officer's determinations on the appealed issues of compensable injury and disability 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).

We affirm the decision and order of the hearing officer.

The true corporate name of the insurance carrier is **LUMBERMENS MUTUAL CASUALTY COMPANY** and the name and address of its registered agent for service of process is

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

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Margaret L. Turner  
Appeals Judge

CONCUR:

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Chris Cowan  
Appeals Judge

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Robert W. Potts  
Appeals Judge