

APPEAL NO. 040504
FILED APRIL 28, 2004

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 February 12, 2004. The hearing officer determined that: (1) the compensable injury of _____, extends to and includes an injury to his lumbosacral spine at L3-4, L4-5, and L5-S1. The appellant (carrier) appeals this determination on sufficiency of the evidence grounds. The respondent (claimant) urges affirmance.

DECISION

Affirmed.

The hearing officer did not err in making the complained-of determination. The determination involved a question of fact for the hearing officer to resolve. The hearing officer is the sole judge of the weight and credibility of the evidence (Section 410.165(a)) and, as the trier of fact, resolves the conflicts and inconsistencies in the evidence, including the medical evidence (Texas Employers Insurance Association v. Campos, 666 S.W.2d 286 (Tex. App.-Houston [14th Dist.] 1984, no writ)). In view of the evidence presented, we cannot conclude that the hearing officer's determination is 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).

The decision and order of the hearing officer is affirmed.

The true corporate name of the insurance carrier is **THE NORTH RIVER INSURANCE COMPANY OF NEW JERSEY** and the name and address of its registered agent for service of process is

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Edward Vilano
Appeals Judge

CONCUR:

Chris Cowan
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Veronica L. Ruberto
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