

APPEAL NO. 042149
FILED OCTOBER 13, 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 July 23, 2004. The hearing officer determined that the compensable injury extends to include an aggravating injury to preexisting degenerative disc disease, herniated discs in the cervical spine at C4-5 and C5-6, and C6 nerve root compression. The appellant (carrier) appeals this determination on sufficiency of the evidence grounds. The claimant urges affirmance.

DECISION

Affirmed.

The hearing officer did not err in making the complained-of determination. The determination involved questions 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 **WAUSAU BUSINESS INSURANCE COMPANY** and the name and address of its registered agent for service of process is

**CT CORPORATION SYSTEMS
350 NORTH ST. PAUL, SUITE 2900
DALLAS, TEXAS 75201.**

Edward Vilano
Appeals Judge

CONCUR:

Gary L. Kilgore
Appeals Judge

Veronica L. Ruberto
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