REGULAR MEETING OF THE OKLAHOMA WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION

APPEALS

Friday, February 21, 2020 9:00 a.m. Commission Chambers 1915 N. Stiles Ave. Oklahoma City, Oklahoma www.wcc.ok.gov

AGENDA

STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE BY CHAIRMAN

A. MINUTES:

• The drafted Minutes of the Regular Appeals Meeting of January 24, 2020, will be considered for approval.

THE FOLLOWING MATTERS ARE PRESENTED FOR CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, DEEMED APPROPRIATE BY THE COMMISSION

B. <u>Appeal Hearings before the Commission En Banc from Orders Issued by the Commission's Administrative Law Judges</u>

The hearings before the Commission en banc will be conducted pursuant to the authority and jurisdiction of the Administrative Workers' Compensation Act, Title 85A O.S. §1 et seq., and the Workers' Compensation Commission's Permanent Rules, OAC 810. The Commissioners may recess for lunch.

The procedure for the hearings before the Commission en banc is as follows:

- Each side will be allowed ten (10) minutes for oral arguments.
- The appellant will present first. Appellant may divide his or her ten minutes for argument, allowing a portion of that time for rebuttal.
- Both parties are subject to questioning by Commissioners.

1. Ava Rushing v. Multiple Injury Fund, File #CM2016-05147JMIF

Claimant filed an appeal from the order issued by Administrative Law Judge Curtin. Donald E. Smolen is the attorney of record for the Claimant and Richard Cole is the attorney of record for the Respondent.

Possible Action:

Possible action may include, but is not limited to: taking no action; continuing the matter; affirming the order and decision of the Administrative Law Judge and issuing an order to that effect; or taking preliminary action in the matter to reverse, modify, or remand. If the Commissioners do not fully affirm the order of the Administrative Law Judge, the Commission may instruct Appellate Counsel or staff to draft a proposed order to be considered in further deliberations and at a future Commission meeting.

2. <u>Harle Williams v. Spiro Public Schools and Compsource Mutual Ins. Co. (FKA Compsource Oklahoma, File #CM2017-01704R</u>

Respondent filed an appeal from the order issued by Administrative Law Judge Inhofe. Arthur H. Adams is the attorney of record for the Claimant and Cyrus Nathaniel Lawyer is the attorney of record for the Respondent.

Possible Action:

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3. Kenneth Billy Feeler v. City of Tulsa (OWN RISK #10435), File #CM2018-06623Q

Claimant filed an appeal from the order issued by Administrative Law Judge Inhofe. William E. Sparks is the attorney of record for the Claimant and Travis R. Colt is the attorney of record for the Respondent.

Possible Action:

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4. <u>Lisa Joanne Scheidt v. Lowes Home Center LLC (OWN RISK)</u>, File #CM2018-03407X

Respondent filed an appeal from the order issued by Administrative Law Judge Inhofe. Esther M. Sanders is the attorney of record for the Claimant and Cyrus Nathaniel Lawyer is the attorney of record for the Respondent.

Possible Action:

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5. Glenn Stonebridge v. American Airlines Inc. and New Hampshire Insurance Co., File #CM2018-00189L

Claimant filed an appeal from the order issued by Administrative Law Judge Inhofe. Robert A. Flynn is the attorney of record for the Claimant. Donald A. Bullard is the attorney of record for Respondent.

Possible Action:

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6. <u>Ken Fair v. Reputation Services & Manufacturing LLC and Standard Fire Insurance, File #2018-03436R</u>

Claimant filed an appeal from the order issued by Administrative Law Judge Lawyer. Darrell Williams is the attorney of record for the Claimant. Matthew R. Defehr is the attorney of record for the Respondent.

Possible Action:

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7. <u>Jackie Ray Dobrinski v. Platinum Express LLC and National American Insurance Co., File #2014-10355X</u>

Claimant filed an appeal from the order issued by Administrative Law Judge Curtin. Claimant is representing himself pro se. Jeffery W. Dasovich is the attorney of record for the Respondent.

Possible Action:

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C. Commission Consideration of Adoption of Final Order in the Following Cases:

1. <u>John McArthur King Jr. v. Mulford Construction & CompSource Mutual Ins. Co.,</u> (FKA CompSource Oklahoma), File #CM2018-01333L

Claimant filed an appeal from the order issued by Administrative Law Judge Egan. Rodney Palmer is the attorney of record for the Claimant. Robert A. Manchester is the attorney of record for Respondent Milford Construction. Jon L. Derouen Jr. is the attorney of record for the Respondent Tim Brown.

This case came on for Oral Argument on October 25, 2019. After reviewing the record, hearing oral argument of counsel, and deliberating, the Commission took this case under advisement.

Possible Action:

Possible action may include, but is not limited to: taking no action, adopting an order as proposed or as modified at the hearing, or continuing the matter.

2. <u>Djohn Brown v. Spring House Water Co., Inc. & CompSource Mutual Ins., Co. (FKA CompSource Oklahoma)</u>, File #CM2017-01710J

Claimant filed an appeal from the order issued by Administrative Law Judge Curtin. Brad W. Wicker is the attorney of record for the Claimant and D. Wade Christensen is the attorney of record for the Respondent.

This case came on for Oral Argument on October 25, 2019. After reviewing the record, hearing oral argument of counsel, and deliberating, the Commission took this case under advisement.

Possible Action:

Possible action may include, but is not limited to: taking no action, adopting an order as proposed or as modified at the hearing, or continuing the matter.

3. Kristin Marie Randall v. Multiple Injury Trust Fund, File #CM2016-08411RMIF

Claimant filed an appeal from the order issued by Administrative Law Judge Inhofe. J. Todd Willhoite represented the Claimant and Jennifer Finley represented the Respondent.

This case came on for Oral Argument on November 22, 2019. After reviewing the record, hearing oral argument of counsel, and deliberating, the Commission took this case under advisement.

Possible Action:

Possible action may include, but is not limited to: taking no action, adopting an order as proposed or as modified at the hearing, or continuing the matter.

4. <u>Carey B. Howard v. Dane & Associates Electric Co. Inc. and Standard Fire</u> Insurance, File #CM2016-06350J

Claimant filed an appeal from the order issued by Administrative Law Judge McMillin. Daniel M. Davis is the attorney of record for the Claimant and Mia C. Rops is the attorney of record for the Respondent.

This case came on for Oral Argument on January 24, 2019. After reviewing the record, hearing oral argument of counsel, and deliberating, the Commission took this case under advisement.

Possible Action:

Possible action may include, but is not limited to: taking no action, adopting an order as proposed or as modified at the hearing, or continuing the matter.

5. <u>Stephanie Dodd v. Good Shepherd Luthern School and Guideone Mutual Insurance</u> Co., File #CM2018-00882J

Claimant filed an appeal from the order issued by Administrative Law Judge Curtin. Alex Forbes is the attorney of record for the Claimant. Cary Dooly is the attorney of record for Respondent.

This case came on for Oral Argument on January 24, 2019. After reviewing the record, hearing oral argument of counsel, and deliberating, the Commission took this case under advisement.

Possible Action:

Possible action may include, but is not limited to: taking no action, adopting an order as proposed or as modified at the hearing, or continuing the matter.

6. <u>Jorge Garcia v. Drake Barnes, Barnes Construction Solutions, and Bitco National</u> Insurance Company (FKA Bituminous Fire), File #CM2019-01894J

Respondent filed an appeal from the order issued by Administrative Law Judge Inhofe. Arthur H. Adams represented the Claimant. Travis A. Fulkerson represented for Respondent.

This case came on for Oral Argument on December 13, 2019. After reviewing the record, hearing oral argument of counsel, and deliberating, the Commission took this case under advisement.

Possible Action:

Possible action may include, but is not limited to: taking no action, adopting an order as proposed or as modified at the hearing, or continuing the matter.

D. Announcements

Commission's next special business meeting is Thursday, February 27, 2020. Commission's next regular meeting regarding Appeals is scheduled for Friday, March 6, 2020.

ADJOURNMENT.....Presiding Appellate Officer, Chairman Liotta