

BEFORE THE ARKANSAS WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION

CLAIM NO. F303178

BETTY YOUNG, EMPLOYEE	CLAIMANT
BOAR'S HEAD PROVISION COMPANY, INC., EMPLOYER	RESPONDENT
ZURICH AMERICAN INSURANCE, CARRIER	RESPONDENT

ORDER FILED JULY 12, 2004

Upon review before the FULL COMMISSION, Little Rock, Pulaski County, Arkansas.

Claimant represented by HONORABLE GEORGE BAILEY, Attorney at Law, Little Rock, Arkansas.

Respondent represented by HONORABLE ERIC NEWKIRK, Attorney at Law, Little Rock, Arkansas.

Decision of Administrative Law Judge:

ORDER

Presently before the Commission is Respondents' Motion for an extension of time to file its brief. After consideration of Respondents' Motion, Claimant's objection thereto, Respondents' reply, and all other matters properly before the Commission, we find that respondents' motion should be granted.

Respondents' initial brief was due on June 25, 2004. By letter dated June 23, 2004, respondents requested and extension of time to file its brief due to " a number of time constraints and exigent circumstances." Claimant's attorney filed an objection thereto "primarily due to Claimant's extreme need for expediting the proceedings

regarding her claims." In response to claimant's objection, respondents' attorney explicitly detailed the exigent circumstances regarding his firms administrative staff. We find that the respondents have asserted good cause and that the requested extension should be granted.

Therefore, we remand this matter to the Clerk of the Commission for a new briefing schedule.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

OLAN W. REEVES, Chairman

SHELBY W. TURNER, Commissioner

KAREN H. MCKINNEY, Commissioner