

NOT DESIGNATED FOR PUBLICATION

BEFORE THE ARKANSAS WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION

CLAIM NO. E910061

RANDALL CHAMBERS, EMPLOYEE	CLAIMANT
FILM TRANSIT INC., EMPLOYER	RESPONDENT #1
LIBERTY MUTUAL GROUP, INSURANCE CARRIER	RESPONDENT #1
DEATH AND PERMANENT TOTAL DISABILITY TRUST FUND	RESPONDENT #2

OPINION FILED JANUARY 9, 2006

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

Claimant unrepresented.

Respondents #1 represented by the HONORABLE GUY ALTON WADE, Attorney at Law, Little Rock, Arkansas.

Respondent #2 represented by the HONORABLE JUDY W. RUDD, Attorney at Law, Little Rock, Arkansas.

Decision of Administrative Law Judge: Affirmed and Adopted.

OPINION AND ORDER

Respondents appeal an opinion and order of the Administrative Law Judge filed September 7, 2005. In said order, the Administrative Law Judge made the following findings of fact and conclusions of law:

1. The Arkansas Workers' Compensation Commission has jurisdiction of this claim.

2. On August 20, 1999, the relationship of employee-employer-carrier existed among the parties.
3. On August 20, 1999, the claimant earned wages sufficient to entitle his (sic) to weekly compensation benefits of \$300.00/\$225.00, for total/permanent partial disability.
4. On August 20, 1999, the claimant sustained an injury arising out of and in the course of his employment, which resulted in an amputation of his right leg above the knee and an amputation of his left leg below the knee.
5. The claimant reached the end of his healing period/maximum medical improvement as a result of the compensable August 20, 1999, injury on September 20, 2000, at which time he was rendered permanently and totally disabled pursuant to Ark. Code Ann. §11-9-519(b).
6. Between September 20, 2000, and July 8, 2005, Respondents #1 paid indemnity benefits totaling \$75,000.00, to the claimant, pursuant to Ark. Code Ann. §11-9-502(b)(1).
7. 7(sic) Pursuant to Ark. Code Ann. §11-9-502(b)(2), Respondent #2 is liable for the payment of permanent total disability benefits to the claimant subsequent to July 8, 2005, as a result of the August 20, 1999, compensable injury, which rendered the claimant permanently and totally disabled on September 20, 2000.
8. Respondents #1 shall pay all reasonable hospital and medical expenses arising out of the injury of August 20, 1999.

We have carefully conducted a de novo review of the entire record herein and it is our opinion that the

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Administrative Law Judge's decision is supported by a preponderance of the credible evidence, correctly applies the law, and should be affirmed. Specifically, we find from a preponderance of the evidence that the findings made by the Administrative Law Judge are correct and they are, therefore, adopted by the Full Commission.

We therefore affirm the September 7, 2005 decision of the Administrative Law Judge, including all findings of fact and conclusions of law therein, and adopt the opinion as the decision of the Full Commission on appeal.

All accrued benefits shall be paid in a lump sum without discount and with interest thereon at the lawful rate from the date of the Administrative Law Judge's decision in accordance with Ark. Code Ann. §11-9-809 (Repl. 2002).

IT IS SO ORDERED.

OLAN W. REEVES, Chairman

SHELBY W. TURNER, Commissioner

KAREN H. MCKINNEY, Commissioner