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BEFORE THE ARKANSAS WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION

CLAIM NO. F201218

FREDDIE BRIGGS, EMPLOYEE	CLAIMANT
WASHINGTON GROUP INTERNATIONAL, INC., EMPLOYER	RESPONDENT
TRAVELERS PROPERTY & CASUALTY COMPANY C/O ST. PAUL TRAVELERS, CARRIER	RESPONDENT

OPINION FILED AUGUST 24, 2007

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

Claimant represented by HONORABLE JAMES STANLEY, JR., Attorney at Law, North Little Rock, Arkansas.

Respondent represented by HONORABLE GUY A. WADE, Attorney at Law, Little Rock, Arkansas.

Decision of Administrative Law Judge: Affirmed and Adopted.

OPINION AND ORDER

The claimant appeals from a decision of the Administrative Law Judge filed December 6, 2006.

The Administrative Law Judge entered the following findings of fact and conclusions of law:

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

2. The employee/employer/carrier relationship existed between the parties on January 8, 2002, and at all other relevant times.

3. That claimant allegedly sustained a compensable back injury on January 8, 2002.

4. Two years from the date of injury would have been January 8, 2004.

5. No benefits were paid by respondents after 2002.

6. One year from the last payment of benefits would have been in 2003.

7. Based on the preponderance of the evidence, I find that the claim for additional temporary benefits and medical benefits is barred by the applicable statute of limitations.

We have carefully conducted a de novo review of the entire record herein and it is our opinion that the 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 of fact made by the Administrative Law Judge are correct and they are, therefore, adopted by the Full Commission.

Thus, we affirm and adopt the decision of the Administrative Law Judge, including all findings and conclusions therein, as the decision of the Full Commission on appeal.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

OLAN W. REEVES, Chairman

KAREN H. MCKINNEY, Commissioner

Commissioner Hood dissents.