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BEFORE THE ARKANSAS WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION

CLAIM NO. F604736

CHAD GULLY, EMPLOYEE	CLAIMANT
RHEEM MANUFACTURING, EMPLOYER	RESPONDENT
OLD REPUBLIC INSURANCE, CARRIER	RESPONDENT

OPINION FILED APRIL 16, 2009

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

Claimant represented by HONORABLE EVELYN BROOKS, Attorney at Law, Fayetteville, Arkansas.

Respondent represented by HONORABLE DIANE GRAHAM, Attorney at Law, Fort Smith, Arkansas.

Decision of Administrative Law Judge: Affirmed and Adopted.

OPINION AND ORDER

The claimant appeals from a decision of the Administrative Law Judge filed April 28, 2008.

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. On all relevant dates, including July 18, 2005, the relationship of employee-employer-carrier existed between the parties.
3. On all relevant dates, the claimant earned wages sufficient to entitle

him to weekly compensation benefits of \$254.00 for total disability and \$191.00 for permanent partial disability, should such benefits have been appropriate.

4. On or about July 18, 2005, the claimant sustained a compensable injury in the form of bilateral carpal tunnel syndrome.
5. There is no dispute, at the present time, over the claimant's entitlement to temporary disability benefits.
6. There is no dispute over the claimant's entitlement to medical services provided through August 1, 2006.
7. The claimant has failed to prove that he has reasonably required any further medical services for his compensable bilateral carpal tunnel syndrome, after August 1, 2006.
8. The respondents have controverted the claimant's entitlement to any medical services for his compensable bilateral carpal tunnel syndrome, after August 1, 2006.

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.

A. WATSON BELL, Chairman

KAREN H. MCKINNEY, Commissioner

Commissioner Hood dissents.