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BEFORE THE ARKANSAS WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION

CLAIM NO. F805977

CARL R. SANDLIN, EMPLOYEE	CLAIMANT
ARKANSAS DEMOCRAT GAZETTE, EMPLOYER	RESPONDENT
AMERICAN ZURICH INSURANCE COMPANY/ GALLAGHER BASSETT SERVICES, INSURANCE CARRIER/TPA	RESPONDENT

OPINION FILED AUGUST 21, 2009

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

Claimant appeared *pro se*.

Respondent represented by the HONORABLE MICHAEL C. STILES, Attorney at Law, Little Rock, Arkansas.

Decision of Administrative Law Judge: Affirmed and Adopted.

OPINION AND ORDER

Claimant appeals from a decision of the Administrative Law Judge filed February 27, 2009.

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 employer/employee/carrier relationship existed on May 17, 2008, when the claimant contends he

sustained compensable injuries to his right knee, hip and back.

3. Respondents have controverted this claim in its entirety.
4. The claimant earned an average weekly wage of \$404.40 in May of 2008.
5. The claimant is no longer employed by the respondent employer.
6. The preponderance of the evidence fails to show that the claimant had compensable injuries to his right knee, hip, toes or back on May 17, 2008.
7. The preponderance of the evidence fails to show objective medical findings of injuries to claimant's right knee, hip, toes or back which were causally related to claimant's employment.

The claimant alleges that he sustained a compensable injury that is governed by the Arkansas Workers' Compensation Act, A.C.A. § 11-9-101 et seq. The claimant's alleged injury is, indeed, an injury that is covered by the Act; however, the claimant has failed to establish the elements necessary to prove a compensable injury by a preponderance of the evidence.

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.