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BEFORE THE ARKANSAS WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION

CLAIM NO. F706071

MARIA SERRANO,
EMPLOYEE

CLAIMANT

WESTRIM,
EMPLOYER

RESPONDENT

ARCH INSURANCE COMPANY,
INSURANCE CARRIER

RESPONDENT

OPINION FILED JUNE 29, 2009

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

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

Respondents represented by the HONORABLE BETTY HARDY,
Attorney at Law, Little Rock, Arkansas.

Decision of Administrative Law Judge: Vacated.

ORDER

The respondents appeal an administrative law
judge's opinion filed October 8, 2008. The
administrative law judge found that the claimant
sustained compensable injuries in the form of right
carpal tunnel syndrome and trigger syndrome of the third
finger. After reviewing the entire record *de novo*, the
Full Commission remands the claim to the administrative
law judge for additional proceedings.

The parties have stipulated that on February 20,
2007, the claimant sustained a compensable injury to her

right hand in the form of trigger finger syndrome involving the index and middle finger. The claimant underwent surgery on June 13, 2007 and was released to one-handed duty beginning June 27, 2007. The claimant now contends that "her right carpal tunnel syndrome and trigger finger syndrome is compensable." The parties discussed at hearing that a new respondent-carrier had come on the risk in March 2008. Since a new carrier may be responsible for the claimant's alleged compensable injuries, this new carrier is a necessary party for a hearing involving potential liability for the claimant's condition. Therefore, the Full Commission vacates the administrative law judge's decision, and we remand for additional proceedings and adjudication with all necessary parties involved.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

A. WATSON BELL, Chairman

KAREN H. MCKINNEY, Commissioner

PHILIP A. HOOD, Commissioner