

BEFORE THE ARKANSAS WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION
CLAIM NO. F605772, F605771, F612713, F605768, F605769

JACQUELINE R. CURLEY, EMPLOYEE	CLAIMANT
PILGRIM'S PRIDE CORPORATION, EMPLOYER	RESPONDENT NO. 1
SEDGWICK CLAIMS MANAGEMENT, CARRIER	RESPONDENT NO. 1
SECOND INJURY FUND	RESPONDENT NO. 2

ORDER FILED NOVEMBER 7, 2011

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

Claimant appeared *pro se*.

Respondents No. 1 represented by the HONORABLE MICHAEL STILES, Attorney at Law, Little Rock, Arkansas.

Respondents No. 2 represented by the HONORABLE DAVID L. PAKE, Attorney at Law, Little Rock, Arkansas.

ORDER

The claimant in the above-styled matter moves the Commission to allow filing of a belated brief. The claimant has appealed an Administrative Law Judge's opinion filed June 28, 2011. Correspondence to the parties from the Clerk of the Commission expressly states, "Claimant's brief will be due September 9, 2011. . . If either party elects not to file a brief pursuant to this schedule, please so advise in writing."

It is noted that the claimant failed to receive the initial notification from the Commission of the briefing

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schedule. The claimant spoke with the respondent no. 1's attorney on September 13, 2011 and told respondent's counsel that she did not intend to file a brief. Respondent No. 1 filed their brief on October 7, 2011. The claimant contacted the Commission on October 13, 2011, contending that she would have filed a brief had she received the August 22, 2011 correspondence from the Commission. The claimant filed a motion requesting a new briefing schedule on October 13, 2011.

After considering the claimant's motion, the respondents response thereto, and all other matters properly before the Commission, we find that the motion should be denied.

The Full Commission, therefore, denies the claimant's motion to file a belated brief.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

A. WATSON BELL, Chairman

KAREN H. McKINNEY, Commissioner

Commissioner Hood Dissents.