BEFORE THE ARKANSAS WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION

WCC NO. H406170

MELODY FORRESTER, Employee	**CLAIMANT**
MIC GLEN, LLC, Employer	**RESPONDENT**
PMA MANAGEMENT CORP., Carrier	**RESPONDENT**

OPINION FILED JULY 21, 2026

Hearing before ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE ERIC PAUL WELLS in Springdale, Washington County, Arkansas.

Claimant not represented by counsel and not appearing at hearing.

Respondents represented by DAVID C. JONES, Attorney at Law, Little Rock, Arkansas.

STATEMENT OF THE CASE

This case comes on for review following a hearing on respondents' Motion to Dismiss.

On September 24, 2024, the claimant's attorney, Laura Beth York, filed an AR-C requesting various compensation benefits which alleged injuries to the claimant's head, neck, shoulders, and back on or about July 28, 2024. On November 11, 2025, Ms. York filed a Motion to Withdraw as Counsel and that motion was granted by the Full Commission by Order filed November 12, 2025. No further action was taken on this claim.

On March 25, 2026, the respondents filed a Motion to Dismiss requesting that this claim be dismissed for lack of prosecution. A hearing was scheduled for June 9, 2026. Notice of that hearing was sent to the claimant by certified mail, return receipt requested on April 28, 2026. United States Postal Department records indicate that claimant received and signed for the notice on May 8, 2026.

On June 9, 2026, the day of the hearing, the claimant called in to say that she would be unable to attend the hearing due to lack of transportation; however, she indicated that she had no objection to the dismissal of her claim.

Pursuant to 11 CAR §25-110(d) (previously codified as Commission Rule 099.13), the Commission may enter an order dismissing a claim for want of prosecution After a review of the respondents' Motion to Dismiss, the claimant's lack of desire to pursue her claim, and her failure to appear at the scheduled hearing, as well as all other matters properly before the Commission, I find that claimant has failed to prosecute this claim. Therefore, this claim is dismissed without prejudice.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

HONORABLE ERIC PAUL WELLS
ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE