

BEFORE THE ARKANSAS WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION

CLAIM NO. **H201144**

DWAYNE A. GATES, EMPLOYEE	CLAIMANT
GOFF INDUSTRIAL ELECTRIC INC., EMPLOYER	RESPONDENT
UNITED FIRE GROUP, INSURANCE CARRIER	RESPONDENT

OPINION/ORDER FILED **DECEMBER 29, 2022**

Hearing before ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE JOSEPH C. SELF, in Springdale, Washington County, Arkansas.

Claimant is not represented and did not appear at the hearing.

Respondents are represented by CAROL LOCKARD WORLEY, Attorney, Little Rock, Arkansas

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On February 7, 2022, claimant filed Form AR-C, alleging a compensable injury on January 9, 2022. Claimant was not represented by an attorney when the AR-C was filed, and is still pro se.

On October 27, 2022, respondent filed a Motion to Dismiss, alleging that it had been more than six months since claimant filed his Form AR-C with the Commission, but he had not made a request for a hearing in that time. A hearing on respondent's Motion to Dismiss was scheduled for December 13, 2022. Notice of the scheduled hearing was sent to claimant by certified mail at the last known address in the Commission's file. The notice was delivered to claimant on November 2, 2022. Claimant did not respond to Respondent's motion and did not appear in person at the hearing on December 13, 2022.

I find it has been more than six months since prior to this hearing and that no request for a hearing has been made in this file. After my review of the Respondent's motion, the Claimant's lack of response and failure to attend the hearing for the Respondent's motion, as well as all other matters

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properly before the Commission, I find that Respondent's Motion to Dismiss this claim should be and hereby is granted. This dismissal is pursuant to Commission Rule 099.13 and is without prejudice.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

JOSEPH C. SELF
ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE