

NOT DESIGNATED FOR PUBLICATION

BEFORE THE ARKANSAS WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION

CLAIM NO. G706581

TASHA HAWKINS, EMPLOYEE	CLAIMANT
FRITO LAY, INC., EMPLOYER	RESPONDENT NO. 1
INDEMNITY INSURANCE COMPANY OF NA, INSURANCE CARRIER/TPA	RESPONDENT NO. 1
DEATH & PERMANENT TOTAL DISABILITY TRUST FUND	RESPONDENT NO. 2

OPINION FILED OCTOBER 14, 2021

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

Claimant is *pro se*.

Respondents No. 1 represented by the HONORABLE LEE J. MULDROW, Attorney at Law, Little Rock, Arkansas.

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

Decision of Administrative Law Judge: Affirmed and Adopted.

OPINION AND ORDER

Claimant appeals an opinion and order of the Administrative Law Judge filed June 7, 2021. In said order, the Administrative Law Judge made the following findings of fact and conclusions of law:

1. The Arkansas Workers' Compensation Commission has jurisdiction over this claim.

2. The stipulations set out above are reasonable and are hereby accepted.

3. Claimant's Proffered Exhibit 1 will not be admitted into evidence.

4. Respondents No. 1 Proffered Exhibit 1A will be admitted into evidence.

5. Respondents No. 1 Proffered Exhibit 3 will be admitted into evidence.

6. Respondents No. 1 Proffered Exhibit 4 will be admitted into evidence.

7. The preponderance of the evidence establishes that Claimant's initial claim for benefits in connection with her stipulated right carpal tunnel syndrome is barred by the statute of limitations set forth in Ark. Code Ann. § 11-9-702(a)(1) (Repl. 2012).

8. Claimant has not proven by a preponderance of the evidence that her stipulated right carpal tunnel syndrome is a compensable consequence of her stipulated compensable right-hand injury.

9. Because of Findings/Conclusions Nos. 7 and 8, supra, the issues concerning whether Claimant is entitled to reasonable and necessary medical treatment and temporary total disability benefits in connection with her stipulated right carpal tunnel syndrome are moot and will not be addressed.

10. The evidence preponderates that Claimant is entitled to permanent partial disability benefits at her stipulated compensation rate in connection with the impairment rating of four percent (4%) to the body as a whole that she was assigned for her stipulated compensable right shoulder injury.

We have carefully conducted a *de novo* review of the entire record herein and it is our opinion that the Administrative Law Judge's June 7, 2021 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.

Therefore 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.

SCOTTY DALE DOUTHIT, Chairman

CHRISTOPHER L. PALMER, Commissioner

M. SCOTT WILLHITE, Commissioner