

**BEFORE THE ARKANSAS WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION
AWCC CLAIM NO.: H007372**

LETITIA PAGE, Employee	CLAIMANT
ALCOA PINES HEALTH & REHAB, Self-Insured Employer	RESPONDENT
ARKANSAS SELF-INSURANCE TRUST, Carrier	RESPONDENT
CANNON COCHRAN MANAGEMENT SVCS., TPA	RESPONDENT

OPINION AND ORDER FILED JUNE 10, 2021

Hearing conducted before Administrative Law Judge Terry Don Lucy, in Pulaski County, Arkansas.

Counsel for the Claimant: *pro se*.

Counsel for the Respondents: Honorable Carol L. Worley and Honorable Melissa M. Wood; Attorneys at Law, Little Rock, Arkansas.

The above-captioned matter came on for a hearing on May 25, 2021, with respect to the Respondents' Motion to Dismiss originally filed with the Commission on March 17, 2021. When the hall was sounded at the appointed time for the hearing, the Claimant was not present for such, nor did she appear during the ensuing proceedings. Respondents' Exhibit No. 1 was subsequently introduced into the record without objection, and the Commission's file in this matter is deemed incorporated by reference into the record and for purposes of this Opinion and Order.

The Commission's file reflects that notice of the Respondents' Motion was sent to the Claimant via certified and first-class mail from the Commission dated April 14, 2021, to her last known address, and that notice of the hearing was likewise sent to the Claimant via certified and first-class mail from the Commission dated May 10, 2021. Both notices were returned to the Commission as having been "Unable to Forward." The Commission's file further reflects that the Claimant filed a Form AR-C in this matter on October 5, 2020, and has not requested a hearing since that date. In addition, there is no indication that the Claimant herein has responded to or

otherwise objected to the Respondents' pending Motion.

Given the Claimant's lack of objection to the Respondents' Motion, corresponding failure to appear at the hearing held on May 25, 2021, and apparent failure to request a hearing on the merits of her claim since October 5, 2020, I specifically find that the Claimant has failed to prosecute her claim in a timely manner and that dismissal thereof without prejudice is warranted pursuant to Commission Rule 099.13, the only cited authority in the Respondents' Motion, for lack of prosecution, and hereby grant the Respondents' Motion.

The above-captioned matter is respectfully dismissed without prejudice effective May 25, 2021, and the Respondents are ordered and directed to pay the court reporter's fee within thirty days of billing for such.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

TERRY DON LUCY
Administrative Law Judge