BEFORE THE ARKANSAS WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION CLAIM NO. H200453

LAURA RHODES, Employee

CLAIMANT

RUSSELLVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT, Employer

RESPONDENT

ARKANSAS SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION, Carrier

RESPONDENT

OPINION/ORDER FILED NOVEMBER 23, 2022

Hearing before ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE GREGORY K. STEWART in Russellville, Pope County, Arkansas.

Claimant not represented by counsel and not appearing at hearing.

Respondents represented by MELISSA WOOD, Attorney, Little Rock, Arkansas.

OPINION/ORDER

This claim comes on for review following a hearing on respondent's Motion to Dismiss.

On June 16, 2020, claimant suffered a compensable injury to her right ring finger and respondent paid some compensation benefits. On January 17, 2022, claimant filed Form AR-C requesting additional compensation benefits. Claimant took no action to prosecute her claim, and as a result, respondent filed a motion to dismiss this claim on September 29, 2022.

A hearing was scheduled on the respondent's Motion to Dismiss for November 17, 2022, and notice of the hearing was sent to claimant by certified mail and was delivered on October 6, 2022. Claimant did not appear at the hearing and has not responded to the respondent's motion.

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After my review of the respondent's motion, the claimant's failure to respond

thereto, and all other matters properly before the Commission, I find that respondent's

motion to dismiss should be and hereby is granted. This dismissal is pursuant to

Commission Rule 099.13 and it is without prejudice.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

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GREGORY K. STEWART ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE

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