

BEFORE THE ARKANSAS WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION

CLAIM NO. **H207924**

JASON TARKINGTON, EMPLOYEE

CLAIMANT

CONAGRA FOODS PACKAGED FOODS LLC, EMPLOYER

RESPONDENT

ESIS INC./INSURANCE CARRIER

RESPONDENT

OPINION/ORDER FILED **FEBRUARY 5, 2026**

Hearing before ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE JOSEPH C. SELF, in Russellville, Pope County, Arkansas.

Claimant is *pro se* and did not appear at the hearing.

Respondents are represented by JARROD S. PARRISH, Attorney, Little Rock Arkansas.

OPINION/ORDER

On May 28, 2025, claimant filed Form AR-C, alleging a compensable injury on October 29, 2022. Claimant was represented at the time by Laura Beth York, who filed a Motion to Withdraw on September 15, 2025, and was allowed to withdraw on October 8, 2025.

On December 1, 2025, 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 January 23, 2026. 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 January 8, 2026. Claimant did not respond to respondent's motion and did not appear in person at the hearing on January 23, 2026.

I find it has been more than six months since prior to this hearing and that no request for a

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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 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 11 C.A.R. § 25-110(d) (formerly Commission Rule 099.13) and is without prejudice.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

JOSEPH C. SELF
ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE