BEFORE THE ARKANSAS WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION

CLAIM NO. **H300811**

DAVID A. WISER, EMPLOYEE

CLAIMANT

CITY OF PEA RIDGE, EMPLOYER

RESPONDENT

ARKANSAS MUNICIPAL LEAGUE/INSURANCE CARRIER

RESPONDENT

OPINION/ORDER FILED FEBRUARY 1, 2024

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 MARK K. EDWARDS, Attorney, Little Rock, Arkansas

OPINION/ORDER

On May 1, 2023, claimant filed Form AR-C, alleging a compensable injury on January 23, 2023. Claimant was represented at the time by Matthew J. Ketcham, who filed a Motion to Withdraw on August 23, 2023 and was allowed to withdraw on September 6, 2023. No other attorney entered an appearance on claimant's behalf.

On December 7, 2023, 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 18, 2024. 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 returned unclaimed on January 9, 2024. Claimant did not respond to Respondent's motion and did not appear in person at the hearing on January 18, 2024.

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 Rule 099.13 and is without prejudice.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

JOSEPH C. SELF ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE

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