

BEFORE THE ARKANSAS WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION

CLAIM NO. H508186

PATRICK DORVAL, EMPLOYEE

CLAIMANT

J.B. HUNT TRANSPORT, INC., EMPLOYER

RESPONDENT

ESIS, INC., INSURANCE CARRIER

RESPONDENT

OPINION FILED JUNE 17, 2026

Hearing before Administrative Law Judge James D. Kennedy in Springdale, Arkansas, on June 10, 2026.

Claimant is Pro Se and did not appear.

Respondents are represented by Joseph H. Purvis of Little Rock, Arkansas.

STATEMENT OF THE CASE

A hearing was held in the above styled matter on June 10, 2026, in Springdale, Arkansas, on Respondent's Motion to Dismiss for failure to prosecute pursuant to the rules of the Arkansas Workers' Compensation Commission. The claimant, who was a resident of the state of Georgia and an employee of the Respondent, was involved in a motor vehicle accident in the state of Georgia. The Respondent filed a First Report of Injury or Illness on December 29, 2025, with the Arkansas Workers' Compensation Commission which provided that the Claimant was driving an eighteen-wheeler and while Claimant was merging onto a highway on the date of December 19, 2025, was struck from behind by another driver. Later an AR-2 was filed with the Arkansas Workers' Compensation Commission on January 5, 2026, which provided that the first compensation check was issued on January 5, 2026, based upon the injuries received by

the Claimant. An AR-S Supplemental Form was also filed on January 5, 2025, which provided that the Claimant received his initial treatment on December 19, 2025, was off work until January 2, 2026, when the Respondent employer was able to accommodate and provide modified duty for the Claimant, and that the Claimant returned to modified duty with reduced working hours on January 2, 2026.

A Motion to Dismiss Request by letter was filed on March 26, 2026, which provided that the Claimant's attorney in Claimant's civil action, Riley Snider of Morgan and Morgan, P.O. Box 530244, Atlanta Georgia, 30353-0244, had been notified that a workers' compensation claim had been filed in the state of Arkansas with the Arkansas Workers' Compensation Commission over two months prior, and that no correspondence or acknowledgement had yet been received in regard to the filing of the claim with the Arkansas Workers' Compensation Commission.

A hearing was set for June 10, 2026, in regard to the Motion to Dismiss. The claimant failed to appear at the hearing after proper notice. At the time of the hearing, Joseph H. Purvis appeared on behalf of the Respondents and stated that the Respondent had a provision in their contract of employment with all drivers that all workers' compensation injuries are essentially governed by the laws of the state of Arkansas and formally requested that the matter be dismissed for lack of prosecution.

After a review of the record as a whole, to include all evidence properly before the Commission, and having had an opportunity to hear the statements of the respondent's attorney, there is no alternative but to find that the Motion to Dismiss should be granted at this time, and the matter should be dismissed without prejudice.

ORDER

Pursuant to the above, there is no alternative but to find that the Motion to Dismiss should be granted for failure to prosecute and this matter should be dismissed without prejudice pursuant to 11 CAR 25-110(d) of the Rules of the Arkansas Workers' Compensation Commission.

IT IS SO ORDERED:

JAMES D. KENNEDY
ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE