BEFORE THE ARKANSAS WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION

CLAIM NO. **H307870**

JOSEPH JOHNSON, EMPLOYEE

CLAIMANT

CALICO COUNTY RESTAURANT, EMPLOYER

RESPONDENT

AUTO-OWNERS INSURANCE COMPANY/INSURANCE CARRIER

RESPONDENT

OPINION/ORDER FILED JULY 25, 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 MAX M. HORNER JR., Attorney, Little Rock, Arkansas

OPINION/ORDER

On December 5, 2023, claimant filed Form AR-C, alleging a compensable injury on June 14, 2023. Claimant was not represented by an attorney when the AR-C was filed, and is still pro se.

On June 7, 2024, 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 July 23, 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 delivered to claimant on June 14, 2024. Claimant did not respond to respondent's motion and did not appear in person at the hearing on July 23, 2024.

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

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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