

(3) On June 12, 1997, claimant appealed both the June 5, 1997, Award and the June 11, 1997, Order.

(4) On April 24, 1998, the Appeals Board completed its review of the Award and entered its Order.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Although it is questionable whether a motion for reconsideration is permitted under the Workers Compensation Act, that issue need not be addressed. Because the Appeals Board has completed its de novo review of the evidence and entered its Order, the request for the Administrative Law Judge to reconsider the record and modify the Award is rendered moot.

The appeal contesting the Order denying reconsideration should be dismissed.

WHEREFORE, it is the finding, decision, and order of the Appeals Board that claimant's appeal of the Order dated June 11, 1997, entered by Administrative Law Judge Bryce D. Benedict is dismissed.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated this ____ day of April 1998.

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- c: Henry O. Boaten, Topeka, KS
- Michael W. Downing, Kansas City, MO
- Bryce D. Benedict, Administrative Law Judge
- Philip S. Harness, Director