

BEFORE THE IOWA WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSIONER

TERA HOUGLAND,

Claimant,

vs.

FIRST RESOURCES CORPORATION,

Employer,

and

UNITED WISCONSIN INS. CO., d/b/a,
UNITED HEARTLAND,

Insurance Carrier,
Defendants.

File No. 5028766

APPEAL
DECISION

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Claimant Tera Houglund appeals from an arbitration decision filed on April 17, 2014. Defendants First Resources Corporation, employer, and United Wisconsin Ins. Co., d/b/a, United Heartland, workers' compensation insurer, do not cross-appeal. The case was heard on January 17, 2014, and was considered fully submitted on February 12, 2014, in front of the deputy workers' compensation commissioner. The deputy commissioner found that the defendants were not liable for penalty in this case. Claimant asserts on appeal that the deputy commissioner erred in not awarding penalty benefits to the claimant for defendants' failure to pay permanency benefits once the final agency appeal decision was filed on March 1, 2012. The detailed arguments of the parties have been considered and the record of evidence has been reviewed de novo.

Pursuant to Iowa Code sections 86.24 and 17A.5, I affirm and adopt as the final agency decision those portions of the proposed arbitration decision filed on April 17, 2014, that relate to the issues properly raised on intra-agency appeal without additional comment.

ORDER

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the arbitration decision of April 17, 2014, is AFFIRMED.

Claimant shall pay the costs of the appeal, including the preparation of the hearing transcript.

Signed and filed this 30th day of March, 2015.


ERIN Q. PALS
DEPUTY WORKERS' COMPENSATION
COMMISSIONER

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