

CONCURRING OPINION OF MONIQUE F. KUESTER:

I agree with my fellow board member that the administrative law judge's decision should be affirmed. However, I would also comment that the only evidence in the record was that of the claimant. Had the employer participated in the hearing, and provided evidence to support their side, the outcome of this case may have been different. For future reference, it behooves the employer to follow through with the instructions on the Notice of Hearing so as to present the best case possible before the administrative law judge.

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