WORKERS' COMPENSATION APPEALS BOARD STATE OF CALIFORNIA

ALICIA PLASCENCIA, Applicant

VS.

WETMORE TOOL AND ENGINEERING; OLD REPUBLIC INSURANCE COMPANY, administered by GALLAGHER BASSETT SERVICES, *Defendants*

Adjudication Number: ADJ9706034 Marina del Rey District Office

OPINION AND DECISION AFTER RECONSIDERATION

It has come to the attention of the Appeals Board that, while this matter has been pending on reconsideration¹, the parties have entered into a joint stipulation regarding the issues in applicant's Petition for Reconsideration.

Since the District Office is precluded from acting on a case while it is pending on reconsideration (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 8, § 10961), in order to permit review by the workers' compensation administrative law judge (WCJ) of the proposed stipulation, we will rescind the decision from which reconsideration is sought and return this matter to the trial level for the WCJ to consider the proposed settlement. If the WCJ does not approve the stipulation, the WCJ may issue an order reinstating the original decision and any aggrieved person may timely seek reconsideration from the reinstated decision. This is not a final decision on the merits of any of the issues pending on reconsideration.

¹¹ Commissioner Palugyai who was on the panel that issued the order no longer serves on the Appeals Board. Another panel member has been assigned in her place.

For the foregoing reasons,

IT IS ORDERED as the Decision After Reconsideration of the Workers' Compensation Appeals Board that the WCJ's decision of May 2, 2023 is **RESCINDED** and this matter is **RETURNED** to the trial level for further proceedings and decision by the WCJ.

WORKERS' COMPENSATION APPEALS BOARD

/s/ KATHERINE WILLIAMS DODD, COMMISSIONER

I CONCUR,

/s/ KATHERINE A. ZALEWSKI, CHAIR

/s/ ANNE SCHMITZ, DEPUTY COMMISSIONER

DATED AND FILED AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

April 14, 2025

SERVICE MADE ON THE ABOVE DATE ON THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW AT THEIR ADDRESSES SHOWN ON THE CURRENT OFFICIAL ADDRESS RECORD.

ALICIA PLASCENCIA ALSCHULER & ALSCHULER SALAH LAW

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I certify that I affixed the official seal of the Workers' Compensation Appeals Board to this original decision on this date. MC