



BRB No. 17-0628 BLA

JAMES D. ISON)	
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Claimant-Respondent)	
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v.)	
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ICG KNOTT COUNTY, LLC)	
)	DATE ISSUED: 05/30/2019
and)	
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ARCH COAL, INCORPORATED)	
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Employer/Carrier-)	
Petitioners)	
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DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF WORKERS')	
COMPENSATION PROGRAMS, UNITED)	
STATES DEPARTMENT OF LABOR)	
)	
Party-in-Interest)	ORDER

Claimant’s counsel has filed a complete, itemized statement requesting an attorney’s fee for services performed before the Board in this case, *Ison v. ICG Knott County, LLC*, BRB No. 17-0628 BLA (Oct. 23, 2018). Counsel requests a fee of \$4,875, representing 15 hours of legal services at an hourly rate of \$325. Employer has not filed any objections to counsel’s fee petition.

Upon review of the fee petition, the Board finds the requested fee to be reasonable in light of the necessary services performed in defending the award of benefits, and thus approves a fee of \$4,875. 20 C.F.R. §802.203(e).

Accordingly, we award claimant's counsel an attorney's fee of \$4,875, to be paid directly to claimant's counsel by employer.¹ 33 U.S.C. §928, as incorporated by 30 U.S.C. §932(a); 20 C.F.R. §802.203.

JUDITH S. BOGGS, Chief
Administrative Appeals Judge

GREG J. BUZZARD
Administrative Appeals Judge

JONATHAN ROLFE
Administrative Appeals Judge

¹ The Board's award in this matter is of no precedential value given that counsel's fee petition is unopposed.