



2014 and affirmed the termination and further found that appellant had not established any period of disability or medical residuals on or after May 9, 2013.

The Board, having reviewed the case record, finds that the case is not in posture for decision. The Board has final authority to determine questions of law and fact. The Board's determinations are binding upon OWCP and must, of necessity, be so accepted and acted upon by the Director of OWCP.<sup>2</sup> Otherwise there would be no finality of decisions, the whole appeals procedure would be nullified and questions would remain moot.<sup>3</sup>

Accordingly, as OWCP failed to follow the Board's directive in its February 27, 2013 order to combine appellant's claim and as it did review and evaluate evidence found in OWCP File No. xxxxxx217, the case must be remanded to OWCP for the action described in the Board's February 27, 2013 decision. Following this and any further development deemed necessary, OWCP should issue *de novo* decisions regarding appellant's periods of disability and continuing benefits.

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT** the March 14, 2014 decision of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs is revised and remanded for further proceeding consistent with this order of the Board.

Issued: November 24, 2014  
Washington, DC

Christopher J. Godfrey, Chief Judge  
Employees' Compensation Appeals Board

Colleen Duffy Kiko, Judge  
Employees' Compensation Appeals Board

Patricia Howard Fitzgerald, Judge  
Employees' Compensation Appeals Board

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<sup>2</sup> *E.C.*, Docket No. 14-588 (issued July 1, 2014); *Frank W. White*, 42 ECAB 696 (1991) (The Board's order in a prior appeal imposed an obligation on the Director to take particular actions as directed).

<sup>3</sup> *Id.*