United States Department of Labor Employees' Compensation Appeals Board

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K.G., Appellant

and

U.S. POSTAL SERVICE, SOUTH SUBURBAN PROCESSING & DISTRIBUTION CENTER, Bedford Park, IL, Employer

Docket No. 23-0575 Issued: September 27, 2023

Case Submitted on the Record

Appearances: Appellant, pro se Office of Solicitor, for the Director

ORDER DISMISSING APPEAL

Before: ALEC J. KOROMILAS, Chief Judge PATRICIA H. FITZGERALD, Deputy Chief Judge VALERIE D. EVANS-HARRELL, Alternate Judge

On March 7, 2023 appellant filed a timely appeal from a November 4, 2022 merit decision of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs (OWCP) which found that she had not met her burden of proof to establish a medical condition causally related to the accepted factors of her federal employment. She completed an AB-1 Form identifying Alan J. Shapiro, Esquire, as counsel to represent her on the appeal; however, counsel did not sign the AB-1 Form consenting to represent appellant. The Clerk of the Appellate Boards assigned the appeal Docket No. 23-0575.

By letter dated March 17, 2003, the Clerk of the Appellate Boards informed counsel and appellant of the requirements of section 501.9(b) of the Board's *Rules of Procedure*.¹

The Clerk of the Appellate Boards requested that a signed authorization be submitted by counsel to the Board within 30 days of the date of the letter or that the appeal would be dismissed.

No response was received within the time allotted. Accordingly,

¹ 20 C.F.R. § 501.9(b).

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT the appeal docketed as No. 23-0575 is dismissed.²

Issued: September 27, 2023 Washington, DC

> Alec J. Koromilas, Chief Judge Employees' Compensation Appeals Board

> Patricia H. Fitzgerald, Deputy Chief Judge Employees' Compensation Appeals Board

Valerie D. Evans-Harrell, Alternate Judge Employees' Compensation Appeals Board

 $^{^2}$ The Board's decisions and orders are "final upon the expiration of 30 days from the date of their issuance." 20 C.F.R. § 501.6(d).