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## BEFORE THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION COURT OF EXISTING CLAIMS STATE OF OKLAHOMA

## In re claim of: In re claim of: STATE OF OKLAHOMA July 19, 2016 Katrina Stephenson COURT CLERK Claimant Court Number: 2013-07829L CITY OF BROKEN ARROW Respondent Respondent CITY OF BROKEN ARROW (OWN RISK #14157) Ins. Carrier WORKERS' COMPENSATION COURT STATE OF OKLAHOMA July 19, 2016 Katrina Stephenson COURT CLERK COURT CLERK COURT CLERK CITY OF BROKEN ARROW Number: 2013-07829L Claimant's Social Security Number: xxx-xx-4168

## ORDER DETERMINING COMPENSABILITY AND AWARDING PERMANENT PARTIAL DISABILITY BENEFITS AND DISFIGUREMENT

Now on this 11th day of JULY, 2016, this cause came on for consideration pursuant to regular assignment and hearing on JUNE 30, 2016, before JUDGE L BRAD TAYLOR, at Tulsa, Oklahoma, at which time claimant appeared in person and by counsel, SCOTT TULLY and respondent and insurance carrier appeared by counsel, LEAH P KEELE.

The Court having considered the evidence and records on file, and being well and fully advised in the premises FINDS AND ORDERS AS FOLLOWS:

- 1 - THAT the Court finds that claimant's witness testimony was credible.

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THAT claimant was employed by the above named respondent and such employment was subject to and covered by the provisions of the Workers' Compensation Act of the State of Oklahoma; and on JUNE 28, 2013, claimant became aware he had sustained accidental personal injury as a result of cumulative trauma to the LUMBAR SPINE (WITH RADICULOPATHY TO THE RIGHT LEG) arising out of and in the course of claimant's employment. Claimant's last injurious exposure to said trauma was on JUNE 28, 2013.

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THAT respondent admits the injury and the injured body parts.

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THAT claimant has worked for respondent for eighteen (18) years.

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THAT at time of injury, claimant's wages were sufficient to establish the rates of compensation at \$735.00 per week for temporary total disability and \$323.00 per week for permanent partial disability.

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THAT claimant had his first surgery in JANUARY, 2013 to his L4-L5 and his second surgery in OCTOBER, 2014 in the nature of a redo fusion with new hardware and removal of old hardware.

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THAT the Court denies respondent's request for \$400.00 for non-show missed doctor's appointment.

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THAT as a result of said injury, claimant sustained 27 percent permanent partial disability to the LUMBAR SPINE, for which claimant is entitled to compensation for 135 weeks at \$323.00 per week, or the total amount of \$43,605.00 of which 64 weeks have accrued and shall be paid in a lump sum of \$20,672.00.

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THAT this award is over and above any prior impairment.

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THAT as a result of said injury, claimant suffered serious and permanent disfigurement to the LEFT HIP for which claimant is entitled to recover the sum of \$1,000.00.

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THAT respondent and/or insurance carrier shall pay all reasonable and necessary medical expenses incurred by claimant as a result of said injury.

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THAT respondent or insurance carrier shall pay claimant the accrued portion of the award herein in lump sum of \$21,672.00 and pay the balance of said award at the rate of \$323.00 per week until the total award of \$44,605.00 (less attorney fee) has been paid to claimant.

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THAT Respondent shall pay court costs; Special Occupational Health and Safety Fund Tax of three-fourths of one percent (0.75%) of the amounts paid in lump sum of \$334.54. Pursuant to 85 O.S., Section 407, as amended by Laws 2013, HB 2201, c. 254, Section 49, eff. January 1, 2015, Respondent, if Own Risk, shall pay \$872.10 to the Workers' Compensation Administration Fund created by 85 O.S. Section 407, to be used for the costs of administering the Workers' Compensation Code as applicable to the Oklahoma Workers' Compensation Court of Existing Claims, representing two percent (2%) of the permanent disability award herein.

THAT pursuant to Title 85 O.S. Section 368, a final award fee of one hundred forty dollars (\$140.00) is taxed as a cost in this matter, and shall be paid by respondent.

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THAT the sum of \$8,921.00 shall be deducted from the award herein and paid in lump sum to claimant's attorney as a fair and reasonable attorney fee; within 20 days from the date of filing of this order, respondent or insurance carrier shall comply herewith.

BY ORDER OF:

L BRAD TAYLOR, JUDGE

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A copy of the above and foregoing Court Order was mailed, by regular or Certified United States Mail, on this filed stamped date to:

Claimant's Attorney:

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Respondent's Attorney:

LEAH P KEELE

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I do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the original order signed by the Judge herein. Witness by my hand and the official seal of this court on this date.

Court Clerk

Kathina Suplenson

July 19, 2016