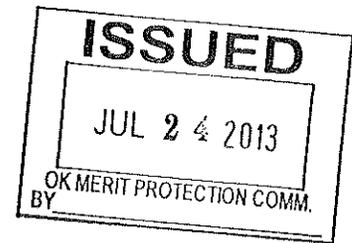


**BEFORE THE OKLAHOMA MERIT PROTECTION COMMISSION
STATE OF OKLAHOMA**

Connie S. Baker,)
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 Appellant,)
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 v.)
)
 Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs,)
)
 Appellee.)

Case No. MPC-13-068



ORDER OF DISMISSAL

THE ABOVE STYLED AND NUMBERED CAUSE comes before the undersigned Administrative Law Judge on the 19th day of July, 2013, for the regularly scheduled Prehearing Conference. The Appellee was present through Carrie Crow, Human Resources Manager of the Department's Lawton facility, and was represented by counsel, Gretchen Zumwalt-Smith. Appellant failed to appear.

Counsel for Appellee made an oral motion to dismiss the appeal on the grounds that Appellant failed to appear for the Prehearing Conference. The undersigned Administrative Law Judge, having reviewed the filings of the parties, finds as follows:

1. Order for Prehearing Conference was issued and filed in this matter on the 2nd day of July, 2013.
2. Appellant had notice of the date and time of the Prehearing Conference more than seven days prior to the date of the hearing.
3. The Order for Prehearing Conference specifically ordered each party to file the

documents required by OAC 455:10-9-1(b) prior to the Prehearing Conference.

4. The Order for Prehearing Conference specifically required each party to attend the Prehearing conference, be on time and prepared, as required by OAC 455:10-9-1(b).

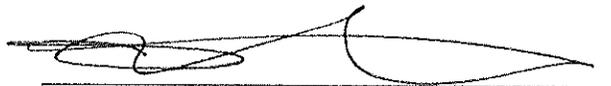
5. Appellant failed to make any filings required by OAC 455:10-9-1(b), and failed to attend the Prehearing Conference.

6. Appellant neglected to contact either the Commission or the Appellee's representative to request a continuance of the Prehearing Conference or to state that she would not be present. Appellant has shown no cause why the appeal should not be dismissed.

7. Appellant's appeal should be dismissed pursuant to OAC 455:10-9-1(b).

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that the appeal of Appellant, CONNIE S. BAKER, is dismissed.

IT IS SO ORDERED this 19th day of July, 2013.



MATT HOPKINS
Administrative Law Judge
Oklahoma Merit Protection Commission
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