
In the Matter of the Compensation of
GERALD C. WOOD, Claimant
Own Motion No. 05-0301M
OWN MOTION ORDER
Unrepresented Claimant
Gallagher Bassett Ins Svc, Insurance Carrier

Reviewing Panel: Members Biehl and Langer.

The self-insured employer has submitted claimant's request for reopening of his Own Motion claim for a worsened condition. ORS 656.278(1)(a) (2001). Claimant's aggravation rights have expired. The employer recommends reopening of claimant's 1988 claim under ORS 656.278(1)(a) (2001).

Based on the record, we are persuaded that claimant meets the criteria necessary for his claim to be reopened for a "worsening" of his previously accepted carpal tunnel condition. ORS 656.278(1)(a) (2001); *Jeffrey C. Davis*, 56 Van Natta 3279 (2004). Accordingly, we authorize the reopening of the claim for the employer to process in accordance with law. When claimant's condition is medically stationary, the employer shall close the claim pursuant to OAR 438-012-0055.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Entered at Salem, Oregon on September 9, 2005