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Industrial Commission Member Orders Are Now Online

New Application Increases Public Access to Commission Member Orders

COLUMBUS – As part of our dedication to open government, the Industrial Commission of Ohio (IC) will launch a new application that will publish IC Commissioners' orders online.

"Now, our customers will be able to quickly search for and view IC Commission member rulings online," said Chairperson Gary DiCeglio. "It's just one way that the IC has been working to better serve our customers by increasing transparency and access to workers' compensation information."

Beginning Monday, November 15, 2010, Ohioans can visit www.ohioic.com and read the past month's orders handed down by IC Commissioners. After logging on to IC homepage, users may click on the Quick Links tab that reads "Commission Member Orders" to look through the Commission orders archive. The new application allows users to search by hearing date, injured worker name, claim number, or by a word or phrase in the order.

"The search will be of orders issued from hearings held on or after October 10, 2010, but there will be an ongoing effort to post all IC member orders issued by the Commission from hearings held since July 1, 2009," DiCeglio says. "We hope to post orders issued by IC members from hearings held in 2010 in the next few weeks."

Although there are three levels which a contested claim may be heard within the IC, only orders from the Commission level of the Agency will be published online. Orders from the district and staff hearing officers will not be posted on the site.

In order to ensure compliance with the State of Ohio's Public Records Act, the IC's Legal Department will review orders and redact confidential information. The hearing orders will not contain the following:

- Injured worker or employer addresses

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- Employer risk numbers
- Names, addresses of the parties that receive the information
- Dates of birth and the names of minors in workplace death claims

“We hope that Ohio’s injured workers, employers and representatives find this new application valuable and easy-to-use,” DiCeglio says. “An open government is a government that works for the people.”

The Industrial Commission of Ohio serves injured workers and Ohio employers through expeditious and impartial resolution of issues arising from workers’ compensation claims, and through establishment of adjudication policy. The Commission, headquartered in Columbus, has five regional and seven district offices throughout the state. The IC conducts more than 180,000 hearings annually.

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