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Claimant	:	
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v.	:	Dir. Dkt. No. 91-104
	:	H&AS No. 91-427
CENTRAL INVESTIGATION BUREAU,	:	OWC No. 204047
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and	:	
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CIGNA,	:	
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Employer/Carrier	:	
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ORDER

This matter is before the Director for consideration of counsel for claimant's unopposed petition for attorney fees for services before the Director in the above-captioned proceeding.

D.C. Code, §36-330 authorizes the awarding of reasonable attorney fees in workers' compensation cases. In MCM Parking Company v. Department of Employment Services, No. 85-830 (August 2, 1988), the District of Columbia Court of Appeals ordered an award of attorney fees for the defense of an appeal before the court in a workers' compensation case. The Director views this case as authority for awarding attorney fees for the successful defense of an employer's workers' compensation appeal before the Director.

Having examined claimant's submission, the Director concludes that claimant's counsel's claim of 4.45 hours of time is reasonable in light of the work performed. Claimant's counsel requests a fee of \$125.00 per

hour, and the Director believes that a fee of \$125.00 per hour is reasonable considering all of the circumstances for appellate work in this case at the Director's level.

Accordingly, it is hereby ordered that employer/carrier compensate claimant, \$556.25 for attorney fees.



Maria Borrero
Director

Date 6/22/92