

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Department of Employment Services

VINCENT C. GRAY
MAYOR



LISA MARÍA MALLORY
DIRECTOR

COMPENSATION REVIEW BOARD

CRB 13-112

**SAUNDRA TAYLOR,
Claimant-Petitioner**

v.

**VERIZON COMMUNICATIONS,
Employer-Respondent**

Appeal of a June 28, 2013, Order issued by
Administrative Law Judge Leslie A. Meek
AHD No. 03-216E, OWC No. 571165

Saundra Taylor, Pro Se
Curtis B. Hane, Esquire, for the Employer

ORDER

This case is before the Compensation Review Board (CRB) on the Application For Review filed by Saundra Taylor seeking to appeal the August 28, 2013, Order Denying Claimant's Motion for Recusal. In that Order, Administrative Law Judge Leslie A. Meek denied Ms. Taylor's request that Judge Meek recuse herself from considering the CRB's June 19, 2013, Decision and Remand Order.

D.C. Code § 32-1522 limits the CRB's appellate jurisdiction to reviewing compensation orders and final decisions. Moreover, because this decision can be reviewed in the event the claimant seeks review of Judge Meek's decision in response to the remand, the August 28, 2013, Order does not meet the stringent conditions for which an otherwise non-appealable interlocutory decision can be immediately appealed. See, *Finkelstein, Thompson & Loughran and Enright v. Biopharma, Inc.*, 774 A. 2d 332 (D.C. 2007), *McNair Builders, Inc. v. Taylor*, 3 A. 3d 1132 (D.C. 2010).

Therefore, Ms. Taylor's Application for Review is dismissed without prejudice to her right to raise this issue in the event that she files an Application for Review of the ALJ's decision in response to the CRB's June 19, 2013, Decision and Remand Order.

It would be preferable for the ALJ to memorialize the findings of her June 28, 2013, Order in the Compensation Order on Remand that will issue in this case and we encourage her to do so.

To insure that there is no confusion, the CRB specifically states that Ms. Taylor can appeal the ALJ's decision not to recuse herself upon the issuance of the Compensation Order on Remand.

So Ordered:

LAWRENCE D. TARR
Chief Administrative Appeals Judge

October 10, 2013
DATE