

**United States Department of Labor  
Employees' Compensation Appeals Board**

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**M.J., Appellant**

**and**

**U.S. POSTAL SERVICE, POST OFFICE,  
Brooklyn, NY, Employer**

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**Docket No. 11-365  
Issued: August 12, 2011**

*Appearances:*  
*Appellant, pro se*  
*Office of Solicitor, for the Director*

*Case Submitted on the Record*

**ORDER REMANDING CASE**

Before:

RICHARD J. DASCHBACH, Chief Judge  
ALEC J. KOROMILAS, Judge  
COLLEEN DUFFY KIKO, Judge

On November 30, 2010 appellant filed an application for review of a November 17, 2010 decision of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs (OWCP).<sup>1</sup> The appeal was docketed as 11-365.

The Board, having reviewed the case record, finds that the record is incomplete as the second page of the November 17, 2010 decision does not appear in the record. The absence of a complete decision is significant as it precludes the Board from reviewing the grounds upon which OWCP relied in determining that appellant had not met his burden of proof to establish that he sustained an injury at the time, place and in the manner alleged.

Section 20 C.F.R. § 10.126 requires OWCP to issue a decision containing the findings of fact and a statement of reasons. Because the record forwarded by OWCP will not allow the Board an opportunity for an informed adjudication of the appeal, the case record will be returned

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<sup>1</sup> On May 27, 2010 appellant, then a 59-year-old city carrier, filed a traumatic injury claim alleging that he sustained a right hand injury while he was entering his vehicle. On July 15, 2010 OWCP denied his claim on the grounds that he did not meet his burden of proof to establish that he sustained an injury at the time, place and in the manner alleged. By decision dated November 17, 2010, OWCP's hearing representative affirmed the OWCP's July 15, 2010 decision.

to OWCP for proper assemblage and an appropriate decision issued on appellant's claim in order to preserve his right of appeal to the Board.

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT** the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs' November 17, 2010 decision be set aside and the case remanded for further action in conformance with this order of the Board to be followed by an appropriate decision.

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