

**WORKERS' COMPENSATION APPEALS BOARD  
STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

**MAURICIO ARIAS, *Applicant***

**vs.**

**T-MOBILE;  
XL INSURANCE AMERICA, *Defendants***

**Adjudication Number: ADJ12727715  
Riverside District Office**

**OPINION AND ORDER  
DISMISSING PETITION FOR  
RECONSIDERATION**

We have considered the allegations of the Petition for Reconsideration and the contents of the report of the workers' compensation administrative law judge (WCJ) with respect thereto. Based on our review of the record, the petition is untimely and must be dismissed.

There are 25 days allowed within which to file a petition for reconsideration from a "final" decision that has been served by mail, fax, or email upon an address in California. (Lab. Code, §§ 5900(a), 5903; Cal. Code Regs., tit. 8, § 10605(a)(1).) This time limit is extended to the next business day if the last day for filing falls on a weekend or holiday. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 8 § 10600.) To be timely, however, a petition for reconsideration must be filed with (i.e., received by) the WCAB within the time allowed; proof that the petition was mailed (posted) within that period is insufficient. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 8, § 10940(a), § 10615(b).)

This time limit is jurisdictional and, therefore, the Appeals Board has no authority to consider or act upon an untimely petition for reconsideration. (*Maranian v. Workers' Comp. Appeals Bd.* (2000) 81 Cal.App.4th 1068, 1076 [65 Cal.Comp.Cases 650]; *Rymer v. Hagler* (1989) 211 Cal.App.3d 1171, 1182; *Scott v. Workers' Comp. Appeals Bd.* (1981) 122 Cal.App.3d 979, 984 [46 Cal.Comp.Cases 1008]; *U.S. Pipe & Foundry Co. v. Industrial Acc. Com. (Hinojoza)* (1962) 201 Cal.App.2d 545, 549 [27 Cal.Comp.Cases 73].)

In this case, the WCJ issued the Findings and Order on October 21, 2022, serving petitioner by email, petitioner's designated preferred method of communication in the Electronic Adjudication Management System (EAMS), using the email address EAMS@RAMZLAW.COM, as listed on the Official Address Record. Based on the authority cited above, petitioner had until Tuesday, November 15, 2022 to seek reconsideration in a timely manner. Therefore, the Petition for Reconsideration filed on November 17, 2022 is untimely and must be dismissed.

For the foregoing reasons,

**IT IS ORDERED** that the Petition for Reconsideration is **DISMISSED**.

**WORKERS' COMPENSATION APPEALS BOARD**

/s/ JOSEPH V. CAPURRO, COMMISSIONER

I CONCUR,

/s/ CRAIG SNELLINGS, COMMISSIONER

/s/ JOSÉ H. RAZO, COMMISSIONER



**DATED AND FILED AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA**

**January 17, 2023**

**SERVICE MADE ON THE ABOVE DATE ON THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW AT THEIR ADDRESSES SHOWN ON THE CURRENT OFFICIAL ADDRESS RECORD.**

**MAURICIO ARIAS  
RAMIREZ LAW FIRM  
COLEMAN CHAVEZ & ASSOCIATES**

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I certify that I affixed the official seal of the Workers' Compensation Appeals Board to this original decision on this date. *abs*