

BRB No. 07-0599

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 Claimant-Petitioner)
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 v.)
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 SEA RAY BOATS) DATE ISSUED: 08/24/2007
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 Self-Insured)
 Employer-Respondent)
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 DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF WORKERS')
 COMPENSATION PROGRAMS, UNITED)
 STATES DEPARTMENT OF LABOR)
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 Party-in-Interest) ORDER

Claimant appeals the letters dated March 27, 2007, and April 5, 2007, of District Director Charles D. Lee in which the district director declined claimant's request for the scheduling of an informal conference. Claimant has filed a motion for oral argument on the issue of his entitlement to an informal conference.

The Director, Office of Workers' Compensation Programs, has filed a motion to dismiss claimant's appeal as moot due to subsequent events. Specifically, the Director, by way of attachments to his motion, states that the district director, by letter dated June 27, 2007, scheduled an informal telephonic conference for July 19, 2007. *See* 20 C.F.R. §702.311. The Director contends that as the sole remedy sought by claimant's appeal was the convening of an informal conference, his objective has been attained and his appeal thus is moot. Claimant responds that although he has obtained the relief sought, the Board should decide the issue of whether the district director has the discretion in setting a case for an informal conference.

We grant the Director's motion. Claimant has obtained the relief requested, and his appeal therefore is moot as there remains no "substantial question of law or fact" for the Board to decide. See *Green v. Ingalls Shipbuilding, Inc.*, 29 BRBS 81 (1995); *Deakle v. Ingalls Shipbuilding, Inc.*, 28 BRBS 343 (1994); *Parker v. Ingalls Shipbuilding, Inc.*, 28 BRBS 339 (1994). Therefore, we dismiss claimant's appeal.¹

NANCY S. DOLDER, Chief
Administrative Appeals Judge

ROY P. SMITH
Administrative Appeals Judge

BETTY JEAN HALL
Administrative Appeals Judge

¹ Claimant's motion for oral argument is denied as moot.