

RICHARD A. STAFFORD)	
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Claimant-Petitioner)	
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v.)	
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KBR GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS)	DATE ISSUED: 05/31/2011
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and)	
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INSURANCE COMPANY OF THE STATE)	
OF PENNSYLVANIA)	
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Employer/Carrier-)	
Respondents)	ORDER

By Order dated March 30, 2011, the Board granted claimant’s counsel’s request to withdraw as claimant’s representative in the captioned appeal. Counsel subsequently filed a fee petition on April 27, 2011, for services provided to claimant before the Board. On May 9, 2011, counsel reentered the case on behalf of claimant-petitioner for the limited purpose of requesting that this case be remanded to the Office of Administrative Law Judges for approval of a settlement agreement pursuant to Section 8(i) of the Act. 33 U.S.C. §908(i). Counsel states that the proposed settlement agreement also provides for the attorney’s fee requested in the April 27 fee petition.

We grant the motion to remand this case. Claimant’s appeal is dismissed without prejudice, and the case is remanded to the administrative law judge for consideration of the parties’ settlement agreement. 33 U.S.C. §908(i); 20 C.F.R. §§702.241-243. In the event that the proposed settlement is not approved and the petitioner wishes review of the merits of this appeal, the Board will reinstate the appeal upon the request of the petitioner. 33 U.S.C. §921(b)(4); 20 C.F.R. §802.405(a). In view of the parties’ agreement, we need not address counsel’s fee petition.

Accordingly, claimant's appeal is dismissed and the case is remanded to the administrative law judge for consideration of the parties' settlement agreement.

SO ORDERED.

NANCY S. DOLDER, Chief
Administrative Appeals Judge

ROY P. SMITH
Administrative Appeals Judge

BETTY JEAN HALL
Administrative Appeals Judge