BEFORE THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION COURT OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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In re claim of:	WORKERS' COMPENSATION COURT
	STATE OF OKLAHOMA February 11, 2014
DAVID QUALLS Claimant	Joyce Sanders COURT CLERK
CITY OF NORMAN) Court Number: 2013-09919X
Respondent) Claimant's Social Security
CITY OF NORMAN (OWN RISK #10970) Ins. Carrier) Number: xxx-xx-4962

ORDER AWARDING THE NATURE AND EXTENT OF PERMANENT PARTIAL IMPAIRMENT BENEFITS

Now on this 29th day of JANUARY, 2014, this cause came on for consideration pursuant to regular assignment and hearing on JANUARY 22, 2014, before JUDGE DAVID P REID, at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, at which time claimant appeared in person and by counsel, RICHARD A BELL and respondent and insurance carrier appeared by counsel, JEANNE SNIDER.

The Court having considered the evidence and records on file, and being well and fully advised in the premises FINDS AND ORDERS AS FOLLOWS:

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THAT the claimant has been employed by the respondent, and that such employment was subject to and covered by the provisions of the Workers' Compensation Act of the State of Oklahoma; that the claimant has sustained an accidental personal injury arising out of and in the course of said employment consisting of LOSS OF HEARING due to repeated trauma to the EARS from continued exposure to loud noise over a prolonged period. Claimant's first awareness of said trauma was on JULY 19, 2013. Claimant's last exposure to said noise prior to the filing of this claim was on or about JULY 17, 2013.

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THAT the major cause of the claimant's compensable injury and the compensable benefits awarded herein was the cumulative trauma arising out of and in the course of his employment.

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THAT at the time of injury, claimant's wages were sufficient to establish the rate of compensation at \$323.00 per week for permanent partial impairment.

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THAT determination of the rate of compensation for temporary total disability is reserved for future hearing.

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THAT the claimant has permanent anatomical abnormalities to his EARS which are causally related to his accidental personal injury, herein. Therefore, as a result of said injury, claimant sustained 23 percent BINAURAL HEARING LOSS, for which claimant is entitled to compensation for 75.9 weeks at \$323.00 per week, or the total amount of \$24,515.70 of which 15 weeks have accrued and shall be paid in a lump sum of \$4,845.00.

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THAT the respondent and/or insurance carrier shall provide the claimant with reasonable and necessary continuing medical maintenance with a physician of respondent's choice to include hearing aids and maintenance thereof subject to the rules, limitations, and requirements of the Oklahoma Treatment Guidelines for the Use of Schedule II Drugs (www.owcc.state.ok.us/OTG-Drugs.pdf) and review upon application of either party.

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THAT respondent or insurance carrier shall pay claimant the accrued portion of the award herein in lump sum of \$4,845.00 and pay the balance of said award at the rate of \$323.00 per week until the total award of \$24,515.70 (less attorney fee) has been paid to claimant.

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THAT respondent or insurance carrier shall pay court costs; Special Occupational Health and Safety Fund Tax shall be paid in the sum of \$183.87, representing three-fourths of one percent (0.75%). Respondent, if Own Risk, shall pay \$490.31 to the Workers' Compensation Administration Fund, representing two percent (2%) of the permanent disability award herein.

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THAT pursuant to Title 85 O.S. Section 368, a final award fee of one hundred forty dollars (\$140.00) is taxed as a cost in this matter, and shall be paid by respondent to the Court Administrator.

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THAT the sum of \$4,903.14 shall be deducted from the award herein and paid in lump sum to claimant's attorney as a fair and reasonable attorney fee; within 20 days from the date of filing of this order, respondent or insurance carrier shall comply herewith.

BY ORDER OF:

DAVID P REID, JUDGE

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A copy of the above and foregoing Court Order was mailed, by regular or Certified United States Mail, on this filed stamped date to:

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Respondent's Attorney:

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I do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the original order signed by the Judge herein. Witness by my hand and the official seal of this court on this date.

SEAL

Court Clerk

February 11, 2014