

THOMAS HARDISON  
(Appellee)

v.

BANGOR HYDRO ELECTRIC COMPANY  
(Appellant)

and

MAINE EMPLOYERS' MUTUAL INSURANCE CO.  
(Insurer)

Conference held: November 20, 2013  
Decided: December 11, 2013

Panel Members: Hearing Officers Knopf, Goodnough and Stovall  
By: Hearing Officer Knopf

[¶1] Bangor Hydro Electric Company (Bangor Hydro) appeals from a decision of a Workers' Compensation Board hearing officer (*Greene, HO*) determining that Thomas Hardison met his burden of proving that his March 5, 2012 injury arose out of and in the course of his employment.

[¶2] Despite Bangor Hydro's contentions, the hearing officer did not err when determining that Mr. Hardison's claim is not barred by the "going and coming" rule, *see Waycott v. Beneficial Corp.*, 400 A.2d 392, 394 (Me. 1979), or when finding that the injuries were a consequence of work activity, as opposed to "life in general," *Feiereisen v. NewPage Corp.*, 2010 ME 98, ¶ 6, 5 A.3d 669 (quotation marks omitted). The hearing officer's factual findings are supported by competent evidence in the record, and the hearing officer neither misconceived nor

misapplied the law when granting Mr. Hardison's Petitions for Award and for Payment of Medical and Related Services. See *Fournier v. Aetna, Inc.*, 2006 ME 71, ¶ 5, 899 A.2d 787.

The entry is:

The Workers' Compensation Board hearing officer's decision is affirmed.

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Any party in interest may request an appeal to the Maine Law Court by filing a copy of this decision with the clerk of the Law Court within twenty days of receipt of this decision and by filing a petition seeking appellate review within twenty days thereafter. 39-A M.R.S.A. § 322 (Supp. 2012).

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