OPINION SUMMARY
MISSOURI COURT OF APPEALS EASTERN DISTRICT

DIVISION FOUR

JIMMY FIELDS,	)	No. ED109251
	)	
Appellant,	)	Appeal from The Labor and
	)	Industrial Relations Commission
vs.	)	
	)	
TREASURER OF MISSOURI AS	)	
CUSTODIAN OF THE SECOND INJURY	)	
FUND,	)	
	)	
Respondent.	)	FILED: July 20, 2021

Jimmy Fields ("Claimant") challenges the final awards of the Labor and Industrial Relations Commission (the "Commission") denying his claims for workers' compensation benefits from the Second Injury Fund. Claimant argues the Commission erred in denying permanent total disability ("PTD") benefits for his hearing loss claim, denying permanent partial disability ("PPD") benefits for back injury claims, and alternatively, denying PTD benefits for his last back injury claim.

AFFIRMED IN PART, REVERSED IN PART AND REMANDED.

DIVISION FOUR HOLDS: The Commission's awards denying PPD for Claimant's back injuries and also denying PTD for Claimant's last back injury are supported by sufficient competent evidence. The Commission, however, erred in denying PTD based on Claimant's hearing loss because the Commission's award was not supported by sufficient competent evidence.

Opinion by: Michael E. Gardner, J.
Gary M. Gaertner, Jr., P.J., and Philip M. Hess, J., concur.

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