NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation will hold a public hearing on Monday, June 3, 2013, at 1:30 p.m., in Room 1, Level 2, 30 West Spring Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215, to consider the following:

Amendment of the following rules for the purposes as shown below:

4123-3-15 Claim procedures subsequent to allowance.

BWC is amending this rule due to changes in R.C. 4123.57(B) in Am. Sub. H.B. 487 of the 129th General Assembly. The amendments retain the non-controversial parts of paragraph (C) that describe the general process of paying for scheduled loss awards. The amendment deletes the provisions for payment in a lump sum, and state that BWC or the self insuring employer shall pay the award "as provided in division (B) of section 4123.57 of the Revised Code."

4123-3-37 Lump sum advancements.

The amendment reinstates the option of requesting a lump sum advancement of a scheduled loss award under R.C. 4123.64 if the award qualifies. BWC's policy has been to reduce such lump sum advancements to net present value.

The full and complete text of the proposed rules is available at the Register of Ohio (http://www.registerofohio.state.oh.us) and is on file in the office of the Secretary of State (180 East Broad Street, 15th Floor, Columbus, Ohio), the Legislative Service Commission (77 South High Street, 9th Floor, Columbus, Ohio), the office of the Joint Committee on Agency Rule Review (77 South High Street, Concourse Level, Columbus, Ohio), the Bureau of Workers' Compensation, Legal Operations (30 West Spring Street, 26th Floor, Columbus, Ohio), the Bureau of Workers' Compensation (30 West Spring Street, Columbus, Ohio), 1st Floor, Hearing Rooms), and all service offices of the Bureau.

All interested parties will be given an opportunity to be heard. Any interested party unable to attend the public hearing may submit written comments to the undersigned prior to the public hearing at <u>enotification@bwc.state.oh.us</u>.

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