



BRB No. 20-0046 BLA
Case No. 2016-BLA-05670

THERESA C. KIRKPATRICK)
(Widow of WILLIAM G. KIRKPATRICK))

Claimant-Petitioner)

v.)

RUSHTON MINING COMPANY)

and)

PENNSYLVANIA POWER & LIGHT)

Employer/Carrier-)
Respondents)

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF WORKERS')
COMPENSATION PROGRAMS, UNITED)
STATES DEPARTMENT OF LABOR)

Party-in-Interest)

DATE ISSUED: 01/24/2022

ORDER AWARDING AN)
ATTORNEY'S FEE)

Claimant's counsel, Heath M. Long, filed an itemized fee petition requesting a fee for legal services performed in this appeal pursuant 20 C.F.R. §802.203. He requests a fee of \$5,975.00 representing ten hours at an hourly rate of \$300.00 and 8.5 hours at an hourly rate of \$350.00. No objections to the fee petition have been received.

The Board finds the requested fee to be reasonable and commensurate with the necessary services performed in pursuing Claimant's award of benefits. We thus approve

a fee of \$5,975.00, to be paid directly to Claimant's counsel by Employer.¹ 33 U.S.C. §928, as incorporated by 30 U.S.C. §932(a); 20 C.F.R. §802.203.

SO ORDERED.

GREG J. BUZZARD
Administrative Appeals Judge

JONATHAN ROLFE
Administrative Appeals Judge

MELISSA LIN JONES
Administrative Appeals Judge

¹ The Board's award in this matter is of no precedential value given that counsel's fee petition is unopposed.