

BEFORE THE IOWA WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSIONER

IN THE MATTER OF WHAT DATE
STAMP GOVERNS FOR
DOCUMENTS PAPER-FILED WITH
THE AGENCY FROM JULY 1,
2019, THROUGH JULY 19, 2019,
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1. The Iowa Division of Workers' Compensation (DWC) is currently transitioning to the Workers' Compensation Electronic System (WCES).
2. While mandatory electronic filing (eFiling) by attorneys and parties took effect on July 22, 2019, there is additional work to do to complete the transition to WCES for the DWC.
3. As part of the transition to WCES, the DWC had to cease entering information into its 1970s legacy mainframe system so that the mainframe data could be converted for WCES.
4. From July 1, 2019, through July 19, 2019, the DWC continued to accept and track paper filings by attorneys and parties such as pleadings, motions, notices of appeals, briefs, and decisions. The DWC accepted these paper-filings and stamped them as filed with an ink date stamp.
5. Information from documents that were paper-filed with the DWC from July 1, 2019, through July 19, 2019, was not included in the case-information data that was converted for WCES.

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6. In order to ensure that the paper filings made with the DWC from July 1, 2019, through July 19, 2019, are entered into WCES, DWC staff are eFiling these paper filings.

7. The documents that were paper-filed and are subsequently eFiled by DWC staff will have two date stamps:

a. An ink stamp from the date on which the paper document was filed with the DWC; and

b. An electronic date stamp from the date on which the document was subsequently eFiled by DWC staff.

8. For purposes of calculating filing deadlines under applicable provisions of the Iowa Administrative Code and Iowa Code, the ink stamp from the date on which the paper document was filed with the DWC shall govern. The electronic date stamp from the date on which the document was subsequently eFiled by DWC staff shall not govern.

Signed and filed this 2nd day of August, 2019.



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