

SUMMARY STATEMENT

Travelers Insurance Co. v. Ultimate Logistics, LLC
Case No. 46840

The Idaho Supreme Court affirmed the district court's decision denying Travelers Insurance Co.'s petition for judicial review of a final order of the Idaho Department of Insurance.

Travelers appealed from the district court's denial of its petition for judicial review of the Department's decision that it could not charge additional workers' compensation premiums for two mechanics who provided services in Ultimate Logistics, LLC's facilities. Travelers argued that the Department did not have the statutory authority to determine whether Travelers could charge additional workers' compensation premiums for Ultimate's insurance policy. Travelers further argued that, even if the Department's final order was within its statutory authority, it was not supported by substantial, competent evidence.

The Idaho Supreme Court determined that the Department had come to the conclusion that Travelers could not charge additional insurance premiums for the mechanics by interpreting a rule promulgated by a ratemaking organization. Holding that the Department had the statutory authority to interpret rules promulgated by ratemaking organizations and to review the application of such rules to an insured's workers' compensation policy, the Court concluded that the Department acted within such authority. The Court also found that the Department's final order was supported by substantial, competent evidence. Accordingly, the district court's order denying Travelers' petition for judicial review was affirmed.