U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employees' Compensation Appeals Board

In the Matter of MARIA E. WEBBER <u>and</u> DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, IMMIGRATION & NATURALIZATION SERVICE, San Juan, P.R.

Docket No. 97-23; Submitted on the Record; Issued August 4, 1998

DECISION and **ORDER**

Before GEORGE E. RIVERS, MICHAEL E. GROOM, BRADLEY T. KNOTT

The issue is whether appellant met her burden of proof to establish that she sustained a back injury in the performance of duty on October 27, 1994.

The Board has given careful consideration to the issue involved, the contentions of appellant on appeal, and the entire case record. The Board finds that the decision of the hearing representative of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs dated and finalized June 10, 1996 is in accordance with the facts and the law in this case and hereby adopts the findings and conclusions of the Office hearing representative.

The decision of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs dated and finalized June 10, 1996 is affirmed.

Dated, Washington, D.C. August 4, 1998

> George E. Rivers Member

Michael E. Groom Alternate Member

Bradley T. Knott Alternate Member