U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employees' Compensation Appeals Board

In the Matter of RONDA K.RICE and U.S. POSTAL SERVICE, POST OFFICE, Kenai, Alas.

Docket No. 96-1280; Submitted on the Record; Issued March 13, 1998

DECISION and **ORDER**

Before MICHAEL J. WALSH, WILLIE T.C. THOMAS, A. PETER KANJORSKI

The issue is whether appellant has met her burden of proof in establishing that she sustained an injury in the performance of duty.

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 January 16, 1996 decision of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs' hearing representative is in accordance with the facts and the law in this case and therefore adopts the findings and conclusions of the hearing representative.

The January 16, 1996 decision of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs is affirmed.

Dated, Washington, D.C. March 13, 1998

> Michael J. Walsh Chairman

Willie T.C. Thomas Alternate Member

A. Peter Kanjorski Alternate Member