U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employees' Compensation Appeals Board

In the Matter of JOE F. JOHNSON, SR. <u>and</u> U.S. POSTAL SERVICE, GENERAL MAIL FACILITY, Cleveland, Ohio

Docket No. 96-1390; Submitted on the Record; Issued March 5, 1998

DECISION and **ORDER**

Before GEORGE E. RIVERS, MICHAEL E. GROOM, A. PETER KANJORSKI

The issue is whether appellant has established that he sustained a recurrence of disability on or after April 5, 1994 causally related to his accepted November 18, 1993 employment injury.

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 made final on February 21, 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 February 21, 1996 is hereby affirmed.

Dated, Washington, D.C. March 5, 1998

George E. Rivers Member

Michael E. Groom Alternate Member

A. Peter Kanjorski Alternate Member