## U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

## Employees' Compensation Appeals Board

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In the Matter of HATTIE L. THOMAS <u>and</u> U.S. POSTAL SERVICE, POST OFFICE, SEVEN OAKS STATION, Detroit Mich.

Docket No. 97-2132; Submitted on the Record; Issued April 2, 1999

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## **DECISION** and **ORDER**

## Before DAVID S. GERSON, WILLIE T.C. THOMAS, A. PETER KANJORSKI

The issues are: (1) whether the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs properly terminated appellant's compensation benefits effective April 16, 1996; and (2) whether appellant met her burden of proof to establish that she had any disability after April 16, 1996 causally related to her employment injuries.

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 dated February 28, 1997 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 28, 1997 is hereby affirmed.

Dated, Washington, D.C. April 2, 1999

> David S. Gerson Member

Willie T.C. Thomas Alternate Member

A. Peter Kanjorski Alternate Member