## U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

## Employees' Compensation Appeals Board

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In the Matter of LORETTA J. DOYAH and DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION, Oklahoma City, Okla.

Docket No. 97-1219; Submitted on the Record; Issued February 11, 1999

**DECISION** and **ORDER** 

Before DAVID S. GERSON, BRADLEY T. KNOTT, A. PETER KANJORSKI

The issue is whether the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs met its burden of proof to terminate appellant's compensation benefits effective August 25, 1995 on the grounds that she had no further condition or disability causally related to her January 12, 1987 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 dated December 16, 1996 and finalized December 18, 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 regarding the issue of the Office's termination of appellant's benefits effective August 25, 1995.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The Board notes that the hearing representative found that a conflict in the medical opinion evidence existed on the issue of whether appellant has established continuing disability after August 25, 1995 causally related to her accepted employment injury.

The decision of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs dated December 16, 1996 and finalized December 18, 1996 is hereby affirmed.

Dated, Washington, D.C. February 11, 1999

> David S. Gerson Member

Bradley T. Knott Alternate Member

A. Peter Kanjorski Alternate Member