U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employees' Compensation Appeals Board

In the Matter of VALERIE F. DOWNEY <u>and</u> U.S. POSTAL SERVICE, POST OFFICE, Long Beach, Calif.

Docket No. 97-2112; Submitted on the Record; Issued June 18, 1999

DECISION and **ORDER**

Before GEORGE E. RIVERS, DAVID S. GERSON, BRADLEY T. KNOTT

The issue is whether appellant established that she sustained an emotional condition as well as chronic pain syndrome 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 May 29, 1997 decision, of the hearing representative of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs is in accordance with the facts and the law in this case and, therefore, adopts the findings and conclusions of the hearing representative.

The May 29, 1997 decision of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs is affirmed.

Dated, Washington, D.C. June 18, 1999

> George E. Rivers Member

David S. Gerson Member

Bradley T. Knott Alternate Member