U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employees' Compensation Appeals Board

In the Matter of FELISA RUIZ <u>and</u> U.S. POSTAL SERVICE, POST OFFICE, Kansas City, Mo.

Docket No. 97-2391; Submitted on the Record; Issued May 19, 1999

DECISION and **ORDER**

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

The issue is whether appellant has met her burden of proof to establish that her psoriasis condition was causally related to her accepted 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 of Workers' Compensation Programs dated June 3, 1997, affirming the Office's November 6, 1996 decision denying appellant's claim, 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 June 3, 1997 and November 6, 1996 decisions of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs are hereby affirmed.

Dated, Washington, D.C. May 19, 1999

> David S. Gerson Member

Bradley T. Knott Alternate Member

A. Peter Kanjorski Alternate Member