## U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

## Employees' Compensation Appeals Board

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In the Matter of BARBARA J. WASHINGTON <u>and</u> U.S. POSTAL SERVICE, POST OFFICE, Beaumont, TX

Docket No. 98-2528; Submitted on the Record; Issued August 3, 2000

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

## Before MICHAEL J. WALSH, WILLIE T.C. THOMAS, MICHAEL E. GROOM

The issue is whether appellant sustained an emotional condition in the performance of duty causally related to factors of her federal employment.

The Board has given careful consideration to the issue involved, the contentions of the parties on appeal and the entire case record. The Board finds that the decision of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs' hearing representative dated July 13, 1998 and finalized July 15, 1998 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 July 13, 1998 and finalized July 15, 1998 is hereby affirmed.

Dated, Washington, D.C. August 3, 2000

> Michael J. Walsh Chairman

Willie T.C. Thomas Member

Michael E. Groom Alternate Member