U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employees' Compensation Appeals Board

In the Matter of NORA N. FRENCH <u>and</u> U.S. POSTAL SERVICE, POST OFFICE, Tavares, FL

Docket No. 99-487; Submitted on the Record; Issued May 4, 2000

DECISION and **ORDER**

Before GEORGE E. RIVERS, DAVID S. GERSON, WILLIE T.C. THOMAS

The issue is whether appellant has established that she sustained a recurrence of disability beginning June 13, 1997 causally related to her June 26, 1996 employment injury.

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 August 27, 1998 decision of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs' hearing representative is in accordance with the facts and the law in this case and hereby adopts the findings and conclusions of the hearing representative.

The decision of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs dated August 27, 1998 is hereby affirmed.

Dated, Washington, D.C. May 4, 2000

George E. Rivers Member

David S. Gerson Member

Willie T.C. Thomas Alternate Member