U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employees' Compensation Appeals Board

In the Matter of KENNETH W. BURNS and U.S. POSTAL SERVICE, POST OFFICE, Federal Way, WA

Docket No. 99-2015; Submitted on the Record; Issued September 19, 2000

DECISION and **ORDER**

Before WILLIE T.C. THOMAS, MICHAEL E. GROOM, A. PETER KANJORSKI

The issue is whether appellant has established that he developed an emotional condition in the performance of duty, causally related to factors of his federal employment.

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 and made final on March 18, 1999 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 and finalized on March 18, 1999 is affirmed.

Dated, Washington, DC September 19, 2000

> Willie T.C. Thomas Member

Michael E. Groom Alternate Member

A. Peter Kanjorski Alternate Member