U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employees' Compensation Appeals Board

In the Matter of LARRY K. KLEBUSITS <u>and</u> DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY, LONG BEACH NAVAL SHIPYARD, Long Beach, CA

Docket No. 00-1516; Submitted on the Record; Issued March 28, 2001

DECISION and **ORDER**

Before WILLIE T.C. THOMAS, BRADLEY T. KNOTT, A. PETER KANJORSKI

The issue is whether appellant met his burden of proof to establish that he sustained a recurrence of disability commencing October 1, 1998 causally related to his accepted September 26, 1979 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 decision of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs' hearing representative dated February 23, 2000 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 decisions of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs dated February 23, 2000 and June 17, 1999 are hereby affirmed.

Dated, Washington, DC March 28, 2001

> Willie T.C. Thomas Member

Bradley T. Knott Alternate Member

A. Peter Kanjorski Alternate Member