U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employees' Compensation Appeals Board

In the Matter of KAREN R. PATTERSON and U.S. POSTAL SERVICE, POST OFFICE, Chester, PA

Docket No. 00-2094; Submitted on the Record; Issued May 23, 2001

DECISION and **ORDER**

Before DAVID S. GERSON, MICHAEL E. GROOM, PRISCILLA ANNE SCHWAB

The issue is whether appellant sustained an emotional condition in the performance of duty causally related to factors of her 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 February 24, 2000 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 Office hearing representative.

The decision of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs dated and finalized February 24, 2000 is hereby affirmed.

Dated, Washington, DC May 23, 2001

> David S. Gerson Member

Michael E. Groom Alternate Member

Priscilla Anne Schwab Alternate Member