U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employees' Compensation Appeals Board

In the Matter of DEBBY A. HENKHUZENS <u>and</u> U.S. POSTAL SERVICE, POST OFFICE, Cleveland, OH

Docket No. 00-1302; Submitted on the Record; Issued November 8, 2001

DECISION and **ORDER**

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

The issue is whether appellant has established that she sustained a recurrence of disability for the period May 9, 1996 to January 23, 1999, causally related to her left medial epicondylitis.¹

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 January 6, 2000 decision of the Office 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.

¹ The Office of Workers' Compensation Programs accepted that on July 26, 1995 appellant sustained left medial epicondylitis. She returned to work performing light duty until April 23, 1996 when she was suspended for two weeks as a disciplinary measure. Appellant did not return to work after her suspension ended but continued off work until January 23, 1999.

Accordingly, the decisions of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs dated January 6, 2000 and April 14, 1999 are hereby affirmed.

Dated, Washington, DC November 8, 2001

> Willie T.C. Thomas Member

Bradley T. Knott Alternate Member

A. Peter Kanjorski Alternate Member