

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employees' Compensation Appeals Board

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In the Matter of JOSEPH M. BALBONI and U.S. POSTAL SERVICE,  
GENERAL MAIL FACILITY, Southeastern, PA

*Docket No. 01-158; Submitted on the Record;  
Issued November 15, 2001*

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DECISION and ORDER

Before MICHAEL E. GROOM, BRADLEY T. KNOTT,  
PRISCILLA ANNE SCHWAB

The issue is whether appellant has more than a 23 percent permanent impairment of each upper extremity for which he received a schedule award.

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 hearing representative of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs dated June 19, 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 that appellant has not established that he is entitled to more than a 23 percent permanent impairment of each upper extremity for which he received a schedule award.

The June 19, 2000 decision of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs is hereby affirmed.

Dated, Washington, DC  
November 15, 2001

Michael E. Groom  
Alternate Member

Bradley T. Knott  
Alternate Member

Priscilla Anne Schwab  
Alternate Member