### U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Employees' Compensation Appeals Board

## In the Matter of GWENDOLYN GRANT <u>and</u> U.S. POSTAL SERVICE, CIVIC CENTER POST OFFICE, San Francisco, CA

Docket No. 02-741; Submitted on the Record; Issued August 6, 2002

### **DECISION** and **ORDER**

# Before ALEC J. KOROMILAS, WILLIE T.C. THOMAS, A. PETER KANJORSKI

The issues are: (1) whether the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs met its burden of proof to terminate appellant's compensation benefits; and (2) whether appellant is entitled to a schedule award.

The Board has given careful consideration to the issues 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 dated November 15, 2001 is in accordance with the facts and the law in this case and hereby adopts the findings and conclusions of the Office hearing representative.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Regarding appellant's entitlement to a schedule award, the Board notes that Dr. John Lavorgna, a Boardcertified orthopedic surgeon who provided a second opinion evaluation for the Office, evaluated appellant's wrists, elbows and shoulders and found no disability. Dr. David L. Chittenden, who is also Board-certified in orthopedic surgery and provided an independent medical evaluation for the Office, also evaluated appellant's wrists and found no disability.

The decisions of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs dated November 15 and March 7, 2001 are hereby affirmed.

Dated, Washington, DC August 6, 2002

> Alec J. Koromilas Member

Willie T.C. Thomas Alternate Member

A. Peter Kanjorski Alternate Member