

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employees' Compensation Appeals Board

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In the Matter of DEBORA E. COVINGTON and U.S. POSTAL SERVICE,  
POST OFFICE, Grand Rapids, MI

*Docket No. 01-1253; Submitted on the Record;  
Issued February 12, 2002*

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DECISION and ORDER

Before WILLIE T.C. THOMAS, MICHAEL E. GROOM,  
A. PETER KANJORSKI

The issue is whether appellant has met her burden of proof to establish that she sustained an injury to her back in the performance of duty on May 24, 1996, as alleged.

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 9, 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.

The decision of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs dated February 9, 2001 is hereby affirmed.

Dated, Washington, DC  
February 12, 2002

Willie T.C. Thomas  
Alternate Member

Michael E. Groom  
Alternate Member

A. Peter Kanjorski  
Alternate Member