U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employees' Compensation Appeals Board

In the Matter of STEVEN M. VIVOLO and U.S. POSTAL SERVICE, TERMINAL ANNEX, Seattle, WA

Docket No. 02-1275; Submitted on the Record; Issued September 19, 2002

DECISION and ORDER

Before COLLEEN DUFFY KIKO, DAVID S. GERSON, WILLIE T.C. THOMAS

The issue is whether appellant filed a timely claim for compensation.

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 March 11, 2002 decision of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs 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 March 11, 2002 decision of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs is affirmed.

Dated, Washington, DC September 19, 2002

> Colleen Duffy Kiko Member

David S. Gerson Alternate Member

Willie T.C. Thomas Alternate Member