U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employees' Compensation Appeals Board

In the Matter of WILLIAM J. BLACK <u>and</u> U.S. POSTAL SERVICE, GLENDALE POST OFFICE, Denver, CO

Docket No. 02-2253; Submitted on the Record; Issued March 24, 2003

DECISION and **ORDER**

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

The issues are: (1) whether appellant has established that he sustained a consequential injury of fibromyalgia in the performance of duty causally related to his accepted employment injury; and (2) whether appellant is entitled to wage-loss compensation due to disability from work on or after December 15, 1999 related to his accepted employment-related injury.

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 June 10, 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 June 10, 2002 decision of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs is affirmed.

Dated, Washington, DC March 24, 2003

> Colleen Duffy Kiko Member

David S. Gerson Alternate Member

Willie T.C. Thomas Alternate Member