## U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

## Employees' Compensation Appeals Board

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In the Matter of PAULA A. CUPELO <u>and</u> U.S. POSTAL SERVICE, SOLVAY BRANCH POST OFFICE, Syracuse, N.Y.

Docket No. 97-1770; Submitted on the Record; Issued March 8, 1999

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

## Before GEORGE E. RIVERS, WILLIE T.C. THOMAS, MICHAEL E. GROOM

The issue is whether appellant established that her emotional condition was sustained in the performance of duty.

The Board has given careful consideration to the issue involved, the contentions of appellant on appeal and the entire case record. The Board finds that the January 13, 1997 decision of the hearing representative of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs is in accordance with the facts and the law in this case and therefore adopts the findings and conclusions of the hearing representative.

The January 13, 1997 decision of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs is affirmed.

Dated, Washington, D.C. March 8, 1999

> George E. Rivers Member

Willie T.C. Thomas Alternate Member

Michael E. Groom Alternate Member