

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employees' Compensation Appeals Board

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In the Matter of CAROL A. ROY and U.S. POSTAL SERVICE,  
POST OFFICE, Providence, R.I.

*Docket No. 96-2373; Submitted on the Record;  
Issued August 6, 1998*

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DECISION and ORDER

Before WILLIE T.C. THOMAS, MICHAEL E. GROOM,  
BRADLEY T. KNOTT

The issue is whether appellant has met her burden of proof in establishing any disability after December 29, 1994 that was causally related to her accepted October 13, 1994 employment injury of sprain of the fingers and right carpal tunnel syndrome.

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 June 20, 1996 decision of the hearing representative of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs, finalized on June 24, 1996, is in accordance with the facts and law in this case and hereby adopts the findings and conclusions of the hearing representative.<sup>1</sup>

The decision of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs dated June 24, 1996 is hereby affirmed.

Dated, Washington, D.C.  
August 6, 1998

Willie T.C. Thomas  
Alternate Member

Michael E. Groom  
Alternate Member

Bradley T. Knott  
Alternate Member

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<sup>1</sup> See *Robert S. Winchester*, 45 ECAB 135 (1993).