

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employees' Compensation Appeals Board

In the Matter of LINDA J. BARKER and U.S. POSTAL SERVICE,
POST OFFICE, Warrenville, Ill.

*Docket No. 97-173; Submitted on the Record;
Issued August 21, 1998*

DECISION and ORDER

Before MICHAEL J. WALSH, GEORGE E. RIVERS,
DAVID S. GERSON

The issue is whether appellant met her burden of proof to establish that her chronic fatigue syndrome and Epstein-Barr virus were causally related to employment-related stress.

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 decision of the hearing representative of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs dated June 27, 1996 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 June 27, 1996 is hereby affirmed.

Dated, Washington, D.C.
August 21, 1998

Michael J. Walsh
Chairman

George E. Rivers
Member

David S. Gerson
Member