

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employees' Compensation Appeals Board

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In the Matter of ETHEL L. HILL and U.S. POSTAL SERVICE,  
POST OFFICE, Akron, Ohio

*Docket No. 97-634; Submitted on the Record;  
Issued December 18, 1998*

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DECISION and ORDER

Before DAVID S. GERSON, WILLIE T.C. THOMAS,  
MICHAEL E. GROOM

The issue is whether appellant has met her burden of proof to establish that time lost for the periods September 3 to October 4, 1994; November 4 to December 1, 1994; and November 21, 1995 and continuing was causally related to her accepted bilateral carpal tunnel syndrome and right shoulder impingement.

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 October 29, 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 October 29, 1996 is hereby affirmed.

Dated, Washington, D.C.  
December 18, 1998

David S. Gerson  
Member

Willie T.C. Thomas  
Alternate Member

Michael E. Groom  
Alternate Member