U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employees' Compensation Appeals Board

In the Matter of DARRELL L. BEANE <u>and</u> U.S. POSTAL SERVICE, POST OFFICE, Greensboro, N.C.

Docket No. 97-1307; Submitted on the Record; Issued December 23, 1998

DECISION and ORDER

Before GEORGE E. RIVERS, WILLIE T.C. THOMAS, A. PETER KANJORSKI

The issue is whether appellant has established that he developed an emotional condition in the performance of duty, causally related to compensable factors of his federal employment.

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 7, 1997 decision of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs' hearing representative is in accordance with the facts and the law in this case and hereby adopts the findings and conclusions of the hearing representative. ¹

Accordingly, the decisions of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs dated March 21, 1996 and January 7, 1997 are hereby affirmed.

Dated, Washington, D.C. December 23, 1998

> George E. Rivers Member

Willie T.C. Thomas Alternate Member

A. Peter Kanjorski Alternate Member

¹ By decision dated January 7, 1997, the hearing representative affirmed the Office's decision dated March 21, 1996.