## U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

## Employees' Compensation Appeals Board

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In the Matter of JENNIFER HEMPHILL <u>and</u> U.S. POSTAL SERVICE, SOUTH JERSEY PROCESSING & DISTRIBUTION CENTER, Bellmawr, N.J.

Docket No. 96-1879; Submitted on the Record; Issued May 13, 1998

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

## Before DAVID S. GERSON, MICHAEL E. GROOM, BRADLEY T. KNOTT

The issue is whether appellant met her burden of proof in establishing that she sustained an emotional condition 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 decision of the hearing representative of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs dated March 4, 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 March 4, 1996 is hereby affirmed.

Dated, Washington, D.C. May 13, 1998

> David S. Gerson Member

Michael E. Groom Alternate Member

Bradley T. Knott Alternate Member