U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employees' Compensation Appeals Board

In the Matter of PHILLIP H. PRICE <u>and</u> U.S. POSTAL SERVICE, POST OFFICE, Abilene, Tex.

Docket No. 97-384; Submitted on the Record; Issued October 22, 1998

DECISION and **ORDER**

Before DAVID S. GERSON, WILLIE T.C. THOMAS, BRADLEY T. KNOTT

The issue is whether appellant met his burden of proof to establish that employment factors caused or aggravated his bipolar manic depression.

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 May 14, 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 May 14, 1996 is hereby affirmed.

Dated, Washington, D.C. October 22, 1998

> David S. Gerson Member

Willie T.C. Thomas Alternate Member

Bradley T. Knott Alternate Member