U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employees' Compensation Appeals Board

In the Matter of DEBBIE S. KINSEY <u>and</u> U.S. POSTAL SERVICE, POST OFFICE, Columbia, S.C.

Docket No. 97-1706; Submitted on the Record; Issued February 17, 1999

DECISION and **ORDER**

Before GEORGE E. RIVERS, MICHAEL E. GROOM, A. PETER KANJORSKI

The issue is whether appellant has established that her recurrence of disability on or after January 22, 1995 was causally related to the September 7, 1994 employment-related injury.

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 and made final on February 11, 1997 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 February 11, 1997 is affirmed.

Dated, Washington, D.C. February 17, 1999

George E. Rivers Member

Michael E. Groom Alternate Member

A. Peter Kanjorski Alternate Member