U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employees' Compensation Appeals Board

In the Matter of JEANNE M. ROY <u>and</u> U.S. POSTAL SERVICE, POST OFFICE, St. Louis, Mo.

Docket No. 97-1871; Submitted on the Record; Issued February 16, 1999

DECISION and **ORDER**

Before GEORGE E. RIVERS, WILLIE T.C. THOMAS, BRADLEY T. KNOTT

The issue is whether appellant has met her burden of proof in establishing that she sustained a neck or shoulder injury that was causally related to factors of her 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 February 19, 1997 decision of the hearing representative of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs, finalized on that date, is in accordance with the facts and the law in this case and hereby adopts the findings and conclusions of the hearing representative.¹

The decision of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs dated and finalized February 19, 1997 is hereby affirmed.

Dated, Washington, D.C. February 16, 1999

George E. Rivers Member

Willie T.C. Thomas Alternate Member

Bradley T. Knott

¹ See Robert S. Winchester, 45 ECAB 135 (1993).

Alternate Member