U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employees' Compensation Appeals Board

In the Matter of JAMES D. ZURCHER <u>and</u> U.S. POSTAL SERVICE, MAIN POST OFFICE, Colorado Springs, Colo.

Docket No. 97-1270; Submitted on the Record; Issued January 6, 1999

DECISION and **ORDER**

Before DAVID S. GERSON, WILLIE T.C. THOMAS, MICHAEL E. GROOM

The issue is whether appellant has met his burden of proof to establish that he has any continuing disability due to his accepted February 28, 1994 employment injury subsequent to March 30, 1994.

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 January 31, 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' hearing representative dated January 31, 1997 is hereby affirmed.

Dated, Washington, D.C. January 6, 1999

> David S. Gerson Member

Willie T.C. Thomas Alternate Member

Michael E. Groom Alternate Member