U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employees' Compensation Appeals Board

In the Matter of LINDA M. JONES <u>and</u> U.S. POSTAL SERVICE, MAIN POST OFFICE, Chicago, Ill.

Docket No. 97-2465; Submitted on the Record; Issued May 5, 1999

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DECISION and **ORDER**

Before GEORGE E. RIVERS, DAVID S. GERSON, BRADLEY T. KNOTT

The issues are whether appellant established that her recurrence of disability was causally related to the accepted work injury sustained in November 1991 and that she was entitled to a schedule award for permanent partial impairment.

The Board has given careful consideration to the issues involved, the contentions of appellant on appeal and the entire case record. The Board finds that the July 3, 1997 decision of the hearing representative of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs is in accordance with the facts and the law in this case and therefore adopts the findings and conclusions of the hearing representative.

The July 3, 1997 decision of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs is affirmed.

Dated, Washington, D.C. May 5, 1999

> George E. Rivers Member

David S. Gerson Member

Bradley T. Knott Alternate Member