

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employees' Compensation Appeals Board

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In the Matter of NILDA I. PAREDES and U.S. POSTAL SERVICE,  
POST OFFICE, Washington, DC

*Docket No. 98-1125; Submitted on the Record;  
Issued September 16, 1999*

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DECISION and ORDER

Before MICHAEL E. GROOM, BRADLEY T. KNOTT,  
A. PETER KANJORSKI

The issue is whether appellant has met her burden of proof in establishing that she sustained an aggravation of a preexisting condition in the performance of duty prior to March 17, 1997.

The Board has given careful consideration to the issue involved, the contentions of the parties on appeal and the entire case record. The Board finds that the October 30, 1998 decision of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs' hearing representative is in accordance with the facts and the law in this case and hereby adopts the findings and conclusions of the hearing representative.

The October 30, 1998 decision of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs is affirmed.

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

Michael E. Groom  
Alternate Member

Bradley T. Knott  
Alternate Member

A. Peter Kanjorski  
Alternate Member