### U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

## Employees' Compensation Appeals Board

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# In the Matter of WAYNE T. STONE <u>and</u> U.S. POSTAL SERVICE, POST OFFICE, Toledo, OH

Docket No. 99-1839; Submitted on the Record; Issued August 8, 2000

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#### **DECISION** and **ORDER**

### Before WILLIE T.C. THOMAS, MICHAEL E. GROOM, A. PETER KANJORSKI

The issue is whether appellant has met his burden of proof in establishing that he sustained a recurrence of disability on June 9, 1997 causally related to his April 12, 1997 work-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 Office of Workers' Compensation Programs, dated April 6, 1999 and finalized on April 16, 1999, is in accordance with the facts and the law in this case and hereby adopts the findings and conclusions of the hearing representative.

The decisions of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs, dated April 6, 1999 and finalized on April 16, 1999 and May 20, 1998, are hereby affirmed.

Dated, Washington, D.C. August 8, 2000

> Willie T.C. Thomas Member

Michael E. Groom Alternate Member

A. Peter Kanjorski Alternate Member