U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employees' Compensation Appeals Board

In the Matter of HORACIO R. HALL <u>and</u> U.S. POSTAL SERVICE, POST OFFICE, Arlington, VA

Docket No. 98-2080; Submitted on the Record; Issued February 10, 2000

DECISION and **ORDER**

Before DAVID S. GERSON, WILLIE T.C. THOMAS, BRADLEY T. KNOTT

The issue is whether appellant met his burden of proof to establish entitlement to compensation based on his work-related injury of August 9, 1988 on or after August 24, 1988.

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 June 19, 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 hereby adopts the findings and conclusions of the hearing representative.

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

Dated, Washington, D.C. February 10, 2000

David S. Gerson Member

Willie T.C. Thomas Alternate Member

Bradley T. Knott Alternate Member