## U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

## Employees' Compensation Appeals Board

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In the Matter of SHELLEY T. ANNABLE <u>and</u> U.S. POSTAL SERVICE, POST OFFICE, Tampa, FL

Docket No. 99-1344; Submitted on the Record; Issued July 17, 2000

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

## Before DAVID S. GERSON, WILLIE T.C. THOMAS, A. PETER KANJORSKI

The issue is whether appellant has established that she sustained a recurrence of disability commencing February 8, 1998, causally related to her September 13, 1995 accepted lumbar soft tissue muscular strain injury.

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 February 3, 1999 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.

Accordingly, the decisions of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs dated February 3, 1999 and April 23, 1998 are hereby affirmed.

Dated, Washington, D.C. July 17, 2000

David S. Gerson Member

Willie T.C. Thomas Alternate Member

A. Peter Kanjorski Alternate Member