U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employees' Compensation Appeals Board

In the Matter of PATRICIA A. SMITH <u>and</u> U.S. POSTAL SERVICE, POST OFFICE, Chicago, IL

Docket No. 99-1504; Submitted on the Record; Issued June 26, 2000

DECISION and **ORDER**

Before DAVID S. GERSON, MICHAEL E. GROOM, A. PETER KANJORSKI

The issue is whether appellant met her burden of proof to establish that she sustained an injury in the performance of duty.

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 decision of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs' hearing representative, dated and finalized on March 8, 1999, 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 decision of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs dated March 8, 1999 is hereby affirmed.

Dated, Washington, D.C. June 26, 2000

David S. Gerson Member

Michael E. Groom Alternate Member

A. Peter Kanjorski Alternate Member