U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employees' Compensation Appeals Board

In the Matter of MICHAEL PETERS <u>and</u> DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS, BOSTON VETERANS ADMINISTRATION MEDICAL CENTER, Boston, MA

Docket No. 00-1134; Submitted on the Record; Issued February 13, 2001

DECISION and ORDER

Before WILLIE T.C. THOMAS, MICHAEL E. GROOM, BRADLEY T. KNOTT

The issue is whether appellant is entitled to a recurrent pay rate based on his private industry earnings.

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 October 21, 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 decision of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs dated and finalized October 21, 1999 is hereby affirmed.

Dated, Washington, DC February 13, 2001

> Willie T.C. Thomas Member

Michael E. Groom Alternate Member

Bradley T. Knott Alternate Member