U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employees' Compensation Appeals Board

In the Matter of DEBBIE R. TIPLER <u>and</u> U.S. POSTAL SERVICE, POST OFFICE, Grandview, MO

Docket No. 01-215; Submitted on the Record; Issued July 20, 2001

DECISION and **ORDER**

Before DAVID S. GERSON, A. PETER KANJORSKI, PRISCILLA ANNE SCHWAB

The issue is whether appellant met her burden of proof to establish that she sustained a recurrence of disability on or after February 24, 2000 due to her employment 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 decision of the hearing representative of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs dated and finalized September 29, 2000 is in accordance with the facts and the law in this case and hereby adopts the findings and conclusions of the Office hearing representative.

The September 29 and May 16, 2000 decisions of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs are affirmed.

Dated, Washington, DC July 20, 2001

> David S. Gerson Member

A. Peter Kanjorski Alternate Member

Priscilla Anne Schwab Alternate Member