U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employees' Compensation Appeals Board

In the Matter of VALERIE E. CROSTON <u>and</u> U.S. POSTAL SERVICE, POST OFFICE, Bellmawr, NJ

Docket No. 00-1630; Submitted on the Record; Issued March 22, 2001

DECISION and **ORDER**

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

The issues are: (1) whether the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs met its burden of proof to terminate appellant's compensation benefits effective May 14, 1999 on the grounds that she had no further residual condition or disability causally related to her accepted employment injury; and (2) whether appellant has established that she had any continuing disability after May 14, 1999 due to her March 3, 1998 employment injury.

The Board has given careful consideration to the issues 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 dated January 13, 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 decisions of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs dated January 13, 2000 and May 14, 1999 are hereby affirmed.

Dated, Washington, DC March 22, 2001

> David S. Gerson Member

Willie T.C. Thomas Member

A. Peter Kanjorski Alternate Member