U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employees' Compensation Appeals Board

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In the Matter of ROBERT G. KIRBY <u>and</u> U.S. POSTAL SERVICE, GENERAL MAIL FACILITY, Philadelphia, PA

Docket No. 01-2037; Submitted on the Record; Issued May 8, 2002

DECISION and **ORDER**

Before COLLEEN DUFFY KIKO, DAVID S. GERSON, WILLIE T.C. THOMAS

The issue is whether appellant sustained a recurrence of disability causally related to his accepted 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 May 16, 2001 decision of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs 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 May 16, 2001 decision of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs is affirmed.

Dated, Washington, DC May 8, 2002

> Colleen Duffy Kiko Member

David S. Gerson Alternate Member

Willie T.C. Thomas Alternate Member