U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employees' Compensation Appeals Board

In the Matter of SHEILA MAE BROOKS <u>and</u> U.S. POSTAL SERVICE, GENERAL MAIL FACILITY, Bellmawr, N.J.

Docket No. 96-1474; Submitted on the Record; Issued April 1, 1998

DECISION and **ORDER**

Before GEORGE E. RIVERS, DAVID S. GERSON, A. PETER KANJORSKI

The issue is whether appellant is entitled to a greater schedule award than the 10 percent permanent impairment she received for each upper extremity due to carpal tunnel syndrome.

The Board has given careful consideration to the issue involved, the contentions of appellant on appeal, and the entire case record. The Board finds that the January 19, 1996 decision of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs' hearing representative is in accordance with the facts and the law in this case and therefore adopts the findings and conclusions of the hearing representative.

The January 19, 1996 decision of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs is affirmed.

Dated, Washington, D.C. April 1, 1998

> George E. Rivers Member

David S. Gerson Member

A. Peter Kanjorski Alternate Member