

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employees' Compensation Appeals Board

In the Matter of NORVELL BACKUS and U.S. POSTAL SERVICE,
POST OFFICE, Little Rock, Ark.

*Docket No. 96-1791; Submitted on the Record;
Issued April 20, 1998*

DECISION and ORDER

Before DAVID S. GERSON, BRADLEY T. KNOTT,
A. PETER KANJORSKI

The issue is whether appellant has met his burden of proof to establish that he sustained a recurrence of disability on or after January 11, 1993 causally related to his accepted December 27, 1989 employment injury.

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 decision of the hearing representative of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs dated April 15, 1996 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 decision of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs dated April 15, 1996 is hereby affirmed.

Dated, Washington, D.C.
April 20, 1998

David S. Gerson
Member

Bradley T. Knott
Alternate Member

A. Peter Kanjorski
Alternate Member