

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employees' Compensation Appeals Board

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In the Matter of LETHA H. THORPE and U.S. POSTAL SERVICE,  
LANSING GENERAL MAIL FACILITY, Lansing, Mich.

*Docket No. 97-581; Submitted on the Record;  
Issued December 17, 1998*

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DECISION and ORDER

Before DAVID S. GERSON, MICHAEL E. GROOM,  
A. PETER KANJORSKI

The issue is whether appellant has met her burden of proof in establishing that she had a recurrence of disability after June 8, 1992 causally related to her December 12, 1988 employment injury.<sup>1</sup>

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 October 17, 1996 decision of the hearing representative of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs, dated October 17, 1996 and finalized on October 18, 1996, is in accordance with the facts and the law in this case and hereby adopts the findings and conclusions of the hearing representative.

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<sup>1</sup> In a prior appeal, the Board held that appellant had not met her burden of proof in establishing that her disability after June 8, 1992 was causally related to factors of her employment. Docket No. 94-2306 (issued July 18, 1996).

The decision of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs, dated October 17, 1996 and finalized October 18, 1996, is hereby affirmed.

Dated, Washington, D.C.  
December 17, 1998

David S. Gerson  
Member

Michael E. Groom  
Alternate Member

A. Peter Kanjorski  
Alternate Member