

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employees' Compensation Appeals Board

In the Matter of AUGUSTA A. KIRK and U.S. POSTAL SERVICE,
POST OFFICE, Toledo, Ohio

*Docket No. 97-631; Submitted on the Record;
Issued October 2, 1998*

DECISION and ORDER

Before GEORGE E. RIVERS, WILLIE T.C. THOMAS,
A. PETER KANJORSKI

The issue is whether appellant has met her burden of proof to establish that she sustained a recurrence of disability causally related to her accepted back or knee conditions.

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 October 1, 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 October 1, 1996 is hereby affirmed.

Dated, Washington, D.C.
October 2, 1998

George E. Rivers
Member

Willie T.C. Thomas
Alternate Member

A. Peter Kanjorski
Alternate Member