

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employees' Compensation Appeals Board

In the Matter of LOIS J. HIGBY, claiming as widow of DON EDWIN HIGBY and U.S.
POSTAL SERVICE, POST OFFICE, Santa Ana, Calif.

*Docket No. 97-665; Submitted on the Record;
Issued March 11, 1999*

DECISION and ORDER

Before WILLIE T.C. THOMAS, MICHAEL E. GROOM,
A. PETER KANJORSKI

The issue is whether appellant met her burden of proof in establishing that the employee's death on May 22, 1995 was causally related to the December 15, 1977 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 August 28, 1996 decision, of the hearing representative of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs is in accordance with the facts and law in this case and hereby adopts the findings and conclusions of the hearing representative.

The decision of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs dated August 28, 1996 is hereby affirmed.

Dated, Washington, D.C.
March 11, 1999

Willie T.C. Thomas
Alternate Member

Michael E. Groom
Alternate Member

A. Peter Kanjorski

Alternate Member