

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employees' Compensation Appeals Board

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In the Matter of MAZEL L. WINSTON and U.S. POSTAL SERVICE,  
POST OFFICE, Washington, DC

*Docket No. 99-225; Submitted on the Record;  
Issued March 29, 2000*

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DECISION and ORDER

Before GEORGE E. RIVERS, DAVID S. GERSON,  
WILLIE T.C. THOMAS

The issue is whether appellant has established that his lower back strain and degenerative disc disease as of October 7, 1992 are causally related to his accepted October 13, 1977 lower back injury.

The Board has given careful consideration to the issue involved, the contentions of the parties on appeal and the entire case record. The Board finds that the June 29, 1998 decision of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs' hearing representative is in accordance with the facts and the 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 June 29, 1998 is hereby affirmed.

Dated, Washington, D.C.  
March 29, 2000

George E. Rivers  
Member

David S. Gerson  
Member

Willie T.C. Thomas  
Alternate Member