



similar condition and further indicates that the cases should be doubled as soon as the need to do so becomes apparent.

The record reflects under File No. xxxxxx048 that OWCP issued a loss of wage-earning capacity decision for a modified job that appellant accepted and started on April 17, 2004. OWCP associated this decision with File No. xxxxxx569. While a copy of a job description accompanied the September 13, 2004 loss of wage-earning capacity decision, the record is devoid of any other evidence concerning File No. xxxxxx048.

In its decision dated January 12, 2011, OWCP noted that appellant had returned to a modified job as a postmaster on April 17, 2004 and that by decision dated September 13, 2004 it found that the position fairly and reasonably represented her wage-earning capacity.

As the record before the Board does not contain all the evidence from the prior claim, other than the September 13, 2004 loss of wage-earning capacity decision, the Board is unable to properly address and adjudicate the issue of appellant's claim for modification of the September 13, 2004 loss of wage-earning capacity decision.

On remand, OWCP should combine the present case record, OWCP File No. xxxxxx569, with OWCP File No. xxxxxx048. After combining these two case records on remand, OWCP should consider the evidence contained in the combined case record and, following any necessary further development, issue an appropriate merit decision. Accordingly, the January 12, 2011 decision denying modification of the September 13, 2004 loss of wage-earning capacity decision should be set aside.

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT** the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs' January 12, 2011 decision is set aside and the case is remanded for further development consistent with this order.

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