

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employees' Compensation Appeals Board

In the Matter of DOROTHY J. SPAHR and U.S. POSTAL SERVICE,
POST OFFICE, Los Angeles, CA

*Docket No. 98-1654; Submitted on the Record;
Issued February 11, 2000*

DECISION and ORDER

Before GEORGE E. RIVERS, MICHAEL E. GROOM,
BRADLEY T. KNOTT

The issue is whether the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs met its burden of proof to terminate appellant's compensation benefits effective January 21, 1997 on the grounds that she had no further disability causally related to her January 10, 1973 employment injury.

The Board has given careful consideration to the issue involved, the contentions of appellant on appeal and the entire case record.¹ The Board finds that the decision of the hearing representative of the Office dated March 18, 1998 is in accordance with the facts and the law in this case and hereby adopts the findings and conclusions of the Office hearing representative.

¹ This case has been before the Board in a prior appeal. In a decision issued December 27, 1988, the Board reversed the Office's termination of appellant's compensation benefits effective August 29, 1987 on the grounds that the medical evidence was insufficient to establish that she had no further employment-related disability. Docket No. 88-366 (issued December 27, 1988).

The decision of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs dated March 18, 1998 is hereby affirmed.

Dated, Washington, D.C.
February 11, 2000

George E. Rivers
Member

Michael E. Groom
Alternate Member

Bradley T. Knott
Alternate Member