

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employees' Compensation Appeals Board

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In the Matter of OPAL PATTON and U.S. POSTAL SERVICE,  
POST OFFICE, Chicago, IL

*Docket No. 98-2434; Submitted on the Record;  
Issued February 15, 2000*

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DECISION and ORDER

Before WILLIE T.C. THOMAS, MICHAEL E. GROOM,  
BRADLEY T. KNOTT

The issue is whether appellant met her burden of proof in establishing a recurrence of disability commencing March 11, 1997, causally related to her employment injuries of January 8, 1990.

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 and made final on June 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.

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

Dated, Washington, D.C.  
February 15, 2000

Willie T.C. Thomas  
Alternate Member

Michael E. Groom  
Alternate Member

Bradley T. Knott  
Alternate Member