

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employees' Compensation Appeals Board

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In the Matter of ANDREW WILSON and U.S. POSTAL SERVICE, FOREST ACRES  
BRANCH, TRENHOLM PLAZA, Columbia, SC

*Docket No. 98-2452; Submitted on the Record;  
Issued February 14, 2000*

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DECISION and ORDER

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

The issue is whether appellant has met his burden of proof to establish that his current back condition and disability on or after December 19, 1996 was causally related to his accepted January 25, 1988 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 decision of the hearing representative of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs dated June 22, 1998 which affirmed the Office's July 15, 1997 decision 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' hearing representative dated June 22, 1998 is hereby affirmed.

Dated, Washington, D.C.  
February 14, 2000

Willie T.C. Thomas  
Alternate Member

Michael E. Groom  
Alternate Member

A. Peter Kanjorski  
Alternate Member