

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employees' Compensation Appeals Board

In the Matter of RAYMOND A. ABELL and U.S. POSTAL SERVICE,
NORTH JERSEY FACILITY, Kearney, NJ

*Docket No. 98-1918; Submitted on the Record;
Issued March 22, 2000*

DECISION and ORDER

Before DAVID S. GERSON, BRADLEY T. KNOTT,
A. PETER KANJORSKI

The issue is whether appellant sustained greater than a 17 percent permanent impairment of the right knee for which he received a schedule award.

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 decision of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs' hearing representative dated and finalized on March 10, 1998 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 March 10, 1998 is hereby affirmed.¹

Dated, Washington, D.C.
March 22, 2000

David S. Gerson
Member

Bradley T. Knott
Alternate Member

A. Peter Kanjorski
Alternate Member

¹ The Board also notes that appellant has argued on appeal that the Board has not accepted the use of FECA Bulletin 95-17 in Office determinations of schedule awards. However, the Board has affirmed numerous Office decisions in which the Office correctly applied FECA Bulletin 95-17 in making schedule award determinations.