U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employees' Compensation Appeals Board

In the Matter of KARL G. AMEDEE <u>and</u> U.S. POSTAL SERVICE, POST OFFICE, New Orleans, LA

Docket No. 01-1577; Submitted on the Record; Issued April 16, 2002

DECISION and **ORDER**

Before ALEC J. KOROMILAS, COLLEEN DUFFY KIKO, WILLIE T.C. THOMAS

The issues are: (1) whether appellant sustained a recurrence of disability on May 29, 1999 based on his January 15, 1999 work-related injury; and (2) whether appellant sustained a low back condition causally related to the January 15, 1999 injury.

The Board has given careful consideration to the issues involved, the contentions of the parties on appeal and the entire case record. The Board finds that the February 5, 2001 decision of the hearing representative of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs is in accordance with the facts and the law in this case and hereby adopts the findings and conclusions of the hearing representative.

The decisions of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs dated February 5, 2001 and August 25, 2000 are affirmed.

Dated, Washington, DC April 16, 2002

> Alec J. Koromilas Member

Colleen Duffy Kiko Member

Willie T.C. Thomas Alternate Member