United States Department of Labor Employees' Compensation Appeals Board

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E.O., Appellant

and

U.S. POSTAL SERVICE, POST OFFICE, Fort Lauderdale, FL, Employer Docket No. 21-0370 Issued: February 25, 2021

Case Submitted on the Record

Appearances: Appellant, pro se Office of Solicitor, for the Director

ORDER DISMISSING APPEAL

Before: ALEC J. KOROMILAS, Chief Judge PATRICIA H. FITZGERALD, Alternate Judge VALERIE D. EVANS-HARRELL, Alternate Judge

On January 13, 2021 appellant filed an appeal from a July 15, 2020 nonmerit decision of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs (OWCP). The Clerk of the Appellate Boards assigned Docket No. 21-0370.

The Board has duly considered the matter and notes that the Board has jurisdiction to review final adverse decisions of OWCP issued under the Federal Employees' Compensation Act.¹ For final adverse decisions of OWCP issued on or after November 19, 2008, the Board's review authority is limited to appeals which are filed within 180 days from the date of issuance of OWCP's decision.²

The 180th day following the July 15, 2020 decision was January 11, 2021. As appellant did not file an appeal with the Board until January 13, 2021, more than 180 days after the July 15, 2020 OWCP decision, the Board finds that the appeal docketed as No. 21-0370 is untimely filed. The Board is without jurisdiction to review the appeal. Appellant has not offered a reason to

¹ 5 U.S.C. § 8149; 20 C.F.R. §§ 501.2(c) and 501.3(a) (2009).

² *Id.* at § 501.3(e).

explain the failure to timely file an appeal with supporting documentation sufficient to establish compelling circumstances.

The Board's decisions and orders are "final upon the expiration of 30 days from the date of their issuance."³

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT the appeal docketed as No. 21-0370 is dismissed.

Issued: February 25, 2021 Washington, DC

> Alec J. Koromilas, Chief Judge Employees' Compensation Appeals Board

> Patricia H. Fitzgerald, Alternate Judge Employees' Compensation Appeals Board

> Valerie D. Evans-Harrell, Alternate Judge Employees' Compensation Appeals Board

³ *Id.* at § 501.6(d).