

there is therefore no second party to be disadvantaged or inconvenienced by simply calling a previously supplied number. Put together we think that in PUA cases where a claimant has previously supplied a number, but failed to register through confusion over the notice, that the purposes of this federal disaster benefit are better served if the supplied number is at least called, rather than through a default. We therefore set aside the default and remand this case.

DECISION:

The decision of the administrative law judge dated April 9, 2021 is not vacated and remains in force unless and until the Department makes a differing determination pursuant to this remand. This matter is remanded to an administrative law judge in the Unemployment Insurance Appeals Bureau, for further development of the record consistent with this decision, unless otherwise already addressed. The administrative law judge shall conduct a hearing following due notice, if necessary. If a hearing is held, then the administrative law judge shall issue a decision which provides the parties appeal rights.

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