

**IOWA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT  
Unemployment Insurance Appeals Section  
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DECISION OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE  
68-0157 (7-97) – 3091078 - EI**

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**Appeal Number: 04A-UI-03372-SWT  
OC 01/25/04 R 02  
Claimant: Appellant (2)**

**This Decision Shall Become Final**, unless within fifteen (15) days from the date below, you or any interested party appeal to the Employment Appeal Board by submitting either a signed letter or a signed written Notice of Appeal, directly to the **Employment Appeal Board, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor—Lucas Building, Des Moines, Iowa 50319**.

The appeal period will be extended to the next business day if the last day to appeal falls on a weekend or a legal holiday.

STATE CLEARLY

1. The name, address and social security number of the claimant.
2. A reference to the decision from which the appeal is taken.
3. That an appeal from such decision is being made and such appeal is signed.
4. The grounds upon which such appeal is based.

YOU MAY REPRESENT yourself in this appeal or you may obtain a lawyer or other interested party to do so provided there is no expense to Workforce Development. If you wish to be represented by a lawyer, you may obtain the services of either a private attorney or one whose services are paid for with public funds. It is important that you file your claim as directed, while this appeal is pending, to protect your continuing right to benefits.

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(Administrative Law Judge)

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(Decision Dated & Mailed)

Section 96.5-1-a - Voluntary Quit to Accept Other Employment

STATEMENT OF THE CASE:

The claimant appealed an unemployment insurance decision dated March 16, 2004, reference 02, that concluded he voluntarily quit employment without good cause. A telephone hearing was held on April 19, 2004. The claimant did not participate in the hearing. Debra Coffman participated on behalf of the employer.

FINDINGS OF FACT:

The claimant worked for the employer as a serviceman from December 9, 2002 to January 30, 2004. The claimant voluntarily left employment on February 20, 2004 to accept a job with Jacobson Transportation. The claimant performed services for Jacobson Transportation starting on February 20, 2004. The employer would not have had work available for the claimant until February 25, 2004.

REASONING AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW:

The issue in this case is whether the claimant voluntarily quit employment without good cause attributable to the employer.

Iowa Code Section 96.5-1-a provides:

An individual shall be disqualified for benefits:

1. Voluntary quitting. If the individual has left work voluntarily without good cause attributable to the individual's employer, if so found by the department. But the individual shall not be disqualified if the department finds that:

a. The individual left employment in good faith for the sole purpose of accepting other or better employment, which the individual did accept, and the individual performed services in the new employment. Benefits relating to wage credits earned with the employer that the individual has left shall be charged to the unemployment compensation fund. This paragraph applies to both contributory and reimbursable employers, notwithstanding section 96.8, subsection 5.

The claimant left work to accept other employment and performed services in that new employment. The claimant is qualified to receive unemployment insurance benefits based on his separation from employment with the employer, provided he is otherwise eligible. Pursuant to the statute, the employer's account will not be charged for benefits paid to the claimant after the week ending February 21, 2004.

DECISION:

The unemployment insurance decision dated March 16, 2004, reference 02, is reversed. The claimant is qualified to receive unemployment insurance benefits, provided he is otherwise eligible. The employer's account will be exempt from charge for benefits paid to the claimant.

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