IOWA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE APPEALS

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JULIE A WILLIAMS

Claimant

APPEAL NO. 14A-UI-00680-S2T

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE DECISION

WORKSOURCE INC

Employer

OC: 12/08/13

Claimant: Appellant (4)

Section 96.5-1 - Voluntary Quit

STATEMENT OF THE CASE:

Julie Williams (claimant) appealed a representative's January 9, 2014, decision (reference 03) that concluded she was not eligible to receive unemployment insurance benefits because she voluntarily quit work with Worksource (employer). After hearing notices were mailed to the parties' last-known addresses of record, a telephone hearing was scheduled for February 11, 2014. The claimant participated personally. The employer participated by Kassandra Pickett, Recruiter.

ISSUE:

The issue is whether the claimant was separated from employment for any disqualifying reason.

FINDINGS OF FACT:

The administrative law judge, having heard the testimony and considered all of the evidence in the record, finds that: The claimant was hired on October 19, 2012, as a temporary full-time customer service representative assigned to work at Marketlink. On October 19, 2012, the claimant was offered a job at Hickory Farms and accepted it. The claimant resigned on October 19, 2012. Continued work was available had the claimant not resigned.

REASONING AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW:

For the following reasons the administrative law judge concludes the claimant is eligible to receive unemployment insurance benefits after her separation from work.

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.

871 IAC 24.28(5) provides:

Voluntary quit requalifications and previously adjudicated voluntary quit issues.

(5) The claimant shall be eligible for benefits even though the claimant voluntarily quit if the claimant left for the sole purpose of accepting an offer of other or better employment, which the claimant did accept, and from which the claimant is separated, before or after having started the new employment.

The claimant left her position with the employer to work for another employer. When an employee quits work to take other employment, she is not disqualified from receiving unemployment insurance benefits. The claimant quit work to take other employment. She voluntarily quit without good cause attributable to the employer. Benefits are allowed because the claimant left to take other employment. The employer will not be charged.

DECISION:

The representative's January 9, 2014, decision (reference 03) is modified in favor of the appellant. The claimant voluntarily left work without good cause attributable to the employer. The claimant is not disqualified from receiving unemployment insurance benefits because she quit to take other employment. The employer will not be charged.

Beth A. Scheetz
Administrative Law Judge

Decision Dated and Mailed

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