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DECISION OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE
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Appeal Number: 06A-UI-01922-H2T
OC: 12-19-04 R: 03
Claimant: Respondent (4)

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(Administrative Law Judge)

(Decision Dated & Mailed)

Section 96.6-2 - Timeliness of Protest
Iowa Code Chapter 95 - Requalification

STATEMENT OF THE CASE:

The employer filed a timely appeal from the February 14, 2006, reference 03, decision that allowed benefits and found the protest untimely. After due notice was issued, a hearing was held by telephone conference call on March 7, 2006. The claimant did participate. The employer did participate through Ronald L. Kelley, Owner. Department's Exhibit D-1 was received.

FINDINGS OF FACT:

Having reviewed the evidence in the record, the administrative law judge finds: The claimant's notice of claim was mailed to the employer's address of record on January 4, 2005. The employer did protest on February 13, 2006 when they first realized their account had been

charged. The employer did not become aware that their account was being charged until early January or February 2006. The claimant has requalified for benefits since the separation from the employer.

REASONING AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW:

Iowa Code section 96.6-2 provides in pertinent part:

2. Initial determination. A representative designated by the director shall promptly notify all interested parties to the claim of its filing, and the parties have ten days from the date of mailing the notice of the filing of the claim by ordinary mail to the last known address to protest payment of benefits to the claimant.

The administrative law judge concludes that the employer filed its protest within the time period prescribed by the Iowa Employment Security Law because they did not receive the initial notice of protest. The employer did not receive any notice that their account was being charged until January or February 2006. The employer thereafter immediately notified the agency of its intention to protest the claim. This is sufficient evidence of intent to protest any potential charges to their account. The administrative law judge further concludes that the claimant has requalified for benefits since the separation from this employer. Accordingly, benefits are allowed and the account of the employer shall not be charged.

DECISION:

The February 14, 2006, reference 03, decision is modified in favor of the appellant. The employer has filed a timely protest, and the claimant has requalified for benefits since the separation. Benefits are allowed, provided the claimant is otherwise eligible. The account of the employer shall not be charged.

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