

**IOWA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT  
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE APPEALS**

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**CHAD M SCHNATHORST**  
Claimant

**APPEAL NO. 07A-UI-09809-HT**

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE  
DECISION**

**AMC PLUMBING CO**  
Employer

**OC: 09/23/07 R: 02  
Claimant: Appellant (2)**

Section 96.5(1) – Quit

**STATEMENT OF THE CASE:**

The claimant, Chad Schnathorst, filed an appeal from a decision dated October 12, 2007, reference 01. The decision disqualified him from receiving unemployment benefits. After due notice was issued, a hearing was held by telephone conference call on November 6, 2007. The claimant participated on his own behalf. The employer, AMC Plumbing, participated by Owner Mike Schnathorst.

**ISSUE:**

The issue is whether the claimant quit work with good cause attributable to the employer.

**FINDINGS OF FACT:**

Chad Schnathorst was employed by AMC Plumbing from March until October 15, 2006, as a full-time plumbers helper. He was laid off for lack of work by Owner Mike Schnathorst.

**REASONING AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW:**

Iowa Code section 96.5-1 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.

The claimant did not quit but was laid off for lack of work. This is not a disqualifying separation.

**DECISION:**

The representative's decision of October 12, 2007, reference 01, is reversed. Chad Schnathorst is qualified for benefits, provided he is otherwise eligible.

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Bonny G. Hendricksmeier  
Administrative Law Judge

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Decision Dated and Mailed

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