BEFORE THE EMPLOYMENT APPEAL BOARD

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JOANNE M ENYART **HEARING NUMBER: 22B-UI-08713** Claimant EMPLOYMENT APPEAL BOARD and DECISION IWD REEMPLOYMENT SERVICES NOTICE THIS DECISION BECOMES FINAL unless (1) a request for a REHEARING is filed with the Employment Appeal Board within 20 days of the date of the Board's decision or, (2) a PETITION TO DISTRICT COURT IS FILED WITHIN 30 days of the date of the Board's decision. A REHEARING REQUEST shall state the specific grounds and relief sought. If the rehearing request is denied, a petition may be filed in **DISTRICT COURT** within **30 days** of the date of the denial. **SECTION:** 96.4-3 DECISION UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS ARE DENIED The Claimant appealed this case to the Employment Appeal Board. The members of the Employment Appeal Board reviewed the entire record. The Appeal Board finds the administrative law judge's decision is correct. The administrative law judge's Findings of Fact and Reasoning and Conclusions of Law are adopted by the Board as its own. The administrative law judge's decision is **AFFIRMED**. While the Administrative Law Judge found an inadequate search/availability because the claimant failed to engage in at least four reemployment activities our review is not rigid. We write to clarify that there is no magic number of contacts in our view that will, as a matter of law, establish a lack of availability, or earnest job search. Nevertheless, failure to meet IWD's demand to expand a search, after warning, is good evidence of such a lack of availability, and on this record we affirm the Administrative Law Judge. James M. Strohman

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