

**IOWA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT  
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE APPEALS**

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**ARTURO ZUNIGA\_JR**  
Claimant

**APPEAL NO. 10A-UI-17294-MT**

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE  
DECISION**

**FARMLAND FOODS INC**  
Employer

**OC: 11/21/10  
Claimant: Appellant (1)**

Section 96.5-1 – Voluntary Quit

**STATEMENT OF THE CASE:**

Claimant filed an appeal from a decision of a representative dated December 13, 2010, reference 01, which held claimant ineligible for unemployment insurance benefits. After due notice, a telephone conference hearing was scheduled for and held on February 3, 2011. Claimant participated. Employer participated by Jessica Garcia, Human Resource Assistant Manager. Exhibit One was admitted into evidence.

**ISSUE:**

The issue in this matter is whether claimant quit for good cause attributable to employer.

**FINDINGS OF FACT:**

The administrative law judge, having heard the testimony and considered all of the evidence in the record, finds: Claimant last worked for employer on May 17, 2010. Claimant was missing a lot of work due to a diabetic condition. Claimant had reached his maximum number of points under the absenteeism policy. Claimant thought that he was no longer employed based on the point policy. Claimant did not contact the employer to see if he was going to be let go. Claimant stopped calling in and as such missed three days in a row ending May 28, 2010. Employer's policy deems three no call absences as a voluntary quit.

**REASONING AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW:**

The administrative law judge holds that the evidence has failed to establish that claimant voluntarily quit for good cause attributable to employer when claimant terminated the employment relationship because he did not call in or report for work three days in a row. This is a voluntary quit pursuant to employer's policy. Benefits withheld.

Iowa Code § 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.

871 IAC 24.25(4) provides:

Voluntary quit without good cause. In general, a voluntary quit means discontinuing the employment because the employee no longer desires to remain in the relationship of an employee with the employer from whom the employee has separated. The employer has the burden of proving that the claimant is disqualified for benefits pursuant to Iowa Code § 96.5. However, the claimant has the initial burden to produce evidence that the claimant is not disqualified for benefits in cases involving Iowa Code § 96.5, subsection (1), paragraphs "a" through "i," and subsection 10. The following reasons for a voluntary quit shall be presumed to be without good cause attributable to the employer:

(4) The claimant was absent for three days without giving notice to employer in violation of company rule.

**DECISION:**

The decision of the representative dated December 13, 2010, reference 01, is affirmed. Unemployment insurance benefits shall be withheld until claimant has worked in and been paid wages for insured work equal to ten times claimant's weekly benefit amount, provided claimant is otherwise eligible.

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Marlon Mormann  
Administrative Law Judge

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Decision Dated and Mailed

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