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**DISSENTING OPINION OF JOHN A. PENO:**

I respectfully dissent from the majority decision of the Employment Appeal Board; I would reverse the decision of the administrative law judge. The claimant was discharged for allegedly falsifying the reason for her absence. She was at the casino in Tama and had called off work due to inclement weather. The claimant's vehicle needed new tires. It snowed approximately one inch and she didn't trust driving back to Altoona through snow, ice and rain. Although the claimant was aware of the employer's attendance policy (point system); the claimant had only 2 ½ points at the time and did not believe she would be discharged for her two absences. I would conclude that the claimant's reason for not reporting to work was not a falsification; rather, her reason was excusable and did not rise to the legal definition of misconduct. Benefits should be allowed provided she is otherwise eligible.

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