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DECISION OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE
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Appeal Number: 04A-UI-04597-S2T
OC: 11/16/03 R: 02
Claimant: Respondent (4)

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(Administrative Law Judge)

(Decision Dated & Mailed)

Section 96.5-1 - Voluntary Quit

STATEMENT OF THE CASE:

All-States Quality Foods (employer) appealed a representative's April 20, 2004 decision (reference 01) that concluded Bernette Nunez (claimant) was laid off for lack of work. After hearing notices were mailed to the parties' last-known addresses of record, a telephone hearing was held on May 20, 2004. The claimant participated personally. The employer participated by Nancy Klatt, Staff Accountant.

FINDINGS OF FACT:

The administrative law judge, having heard the testimony and considered all of the evidence in the record, finds that: The claimant was hired on May 13, 2002, as a full-time deboner. On March 29, 2004, the claimant quit work to take another job. The claimant started work on March 30, 2004, and continues to work for ConAgra.

REASONING AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW:

The issue is whether the claimant voluntarily quit without good cause attributable to the employer. For the following reasons the administrative law judge concludes she did.

Iowa Code Section 96.5-1-a 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. But the individual shall not be disqualified if the department finds that:

a. The individual left employment in good faith for the sole purpose of accepting other or better employment, which the individual did accept, and the individual performed services in the new employment. Benefits relating to wage credits earned with the employer that the individual has left shall be charged to the unemployment compensation fund. This paragraph applies to both contributory and reimbursable employers, notwithstanding section 96.8, subsection 5.

The claimant left her position with the employer to work for another employer. When an employee quits work to take other employment, she is not disqualified from receiving unemployment insurance benefits. The claimant quit work to take other employment. She voluntarily quit without good cause attributable to the employer. Benefits are allowed because the claimant left to take other employment. The employer will not be charged.

DECISION:

The representative's April 20, 2004 decision (reference 01) is modified in favor of the appellant. The claimant voluntarily left work without good cause attributable to the employer. The claimant is not disqualified from receiving unemployment insurance benefits because she quit to take other employment. The employer will not be charged.

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