

**BEFORE THE  
EMPLOYMENT APPEAL BOARD  
Lucas State Office Building  
Fourth floor  
Des Moines, Iowa 50319**

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**DOUGLAS R SPURGEON JR**

Claimant,

and

**CARGILL MEAT SOLUTIONS CORP**

Employer.

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**HEARING NUMBER: 10B-UI-11320**

**EMPLOYMENT APPEAL BOARD  
DECISION**

**SECTION:** 10A.601 Employment Appeal Board Review

**D E C I S I O N**

**STATEMENT OF THE CASE:**

The issue of timeliness was raised when the claimant filed an appeal postmarked October 22, 2010, nine beyond the statutory deadline of October 13, 2010. The reason for the delay was because the claimant never received the Notice of Decision. For this reason, we find good cause has been established for the late appeal, and the board shall consider it to be timely.

**FINDINGS OF FACT:**

The notice of hearing in this matter was mailed August 31, 2010. The notice set a hearing for September 27, 2010. The claimant did not appear for or participate in the hearing. The reason the claimant did not appear is because the claimant did not receive notice of the hearing and did not know the hearing was taking place.

**REASONING AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW:**

Iowa Code section 10A.601(4) (2009) provides:

4. Appeal board review. The appeal board may on its own motion affirm, modify, or set aside any decision of a administrative law judge on the basis of the evidence previously submitted in such case, or direct the taking of additional evidence, or may permit any of the parties to such decision to initiate further appeals before it. The appeal board shall permit such further appeal by any of the parties interested in a decision of an administrative law judge and by the representative whose decision has been overruled or modified by the administrative law judge. The appeal board shall review the case pursuant to rules adopted by the appeal board. The appeal board shall promptly notify the interested parties of its findings and decision.

Here the claimant did not participate in the hearing through no fault of the claimant. The claimant did not receive the Notice of Hearing in order to participate. For this reason, the matter will be remanded for another hearing before an administrative law judge.

**DECISION:**

The decision of the administrative law judge dated September 28, 2010 is not vacated. This matter is remanded to an administrative law judge in the Workforce Development Center, Appeals Section. The administrative law judge shall conduct a hearing following due notice. After the hearing, the administrative law judge shall issue a decision which provides the parties appeal rights.

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