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DECISION OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE

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JOE WALSH, IWD CARLA DENNIS, IWD Appeal Number: 11IWDUI311

OC: 08/14/11

Claimant: Appellant (6)

This Decision Shall Become Final, unless within fifteen (15) days from the date below, you or any interested party appeal to the Employment Appeal Board by submitting either a signed letter or a signed Notice of Appeal, directly to the *Employment Appeal Board*, 4TH Floor Lucas Building, Des Moines, lowa 50319.

The appeal period will be extended to the next business day if the last day to appeal falls on a weekend or a legal holiday.

STATE CLEARLY

- The name, address and social security number of the claimant.
- A reference to the decision from which the appeal is taken.
- 3. That an appeal from such decision is being made and such appeal is signed.
- 4. The grounds upon which such appeal is based.

YOU MAY REPRESENT yourself in this appeal or you may obtain a lawyer or other interested party to do so provided there is no expense to the department. If you wish to be represented by a lawyer, you may obtain the services of either a private attorney or one whose services are paid for with public funds. It is important that you file your claim as directed, while this appeal is pending, to protect your continuing right to benefits.

(Administrative Law Judge)

January 26, 2011
(Decision Dated & Mailed)

Iowa Code section 17A.12(3) – Default 871 Iowa Administrative Code 26.14(6)-(7) – Failure to Appear

STATEMENT OF THE CASE

The claimant filed an appeal of a representative's decision dated October 28, 2011, reference 03. A Notice of Telephone Hearing was mailed to all parties on December 22, 2011 setting a hearing date of January 24, 2012 at 10:00 AM. The notice contained instructions regarding how to participate in the telephone hearing. The claimant did not call in to participate in the hearing at the date and time indicated.

The Iowa Administrative Procedure Act provides that if a party fails to appear or participate in a contested case proceeding after proper service of notice, the presiding officer may enter

a default decision.1 Iowa Workforce Development (the Department) regulations give the presiding officer discretion regarding whether to proceed with a hearing in the absence of one or more of the parties.2 In this case, a hearing was not held and a default decision was entered.

DECISION

The claimant's appeal is dismissed. The Department's decision dated October 28, 2011 is affirmed. The Department shall take any action necessary to implement this decision.

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¹ Iowa Code § 17A.12(3).

^{2 871} Iowa Administrative Code 26.14(6)-(7).