

**IOWA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE APPEALS BUREAU**

JUSTIN SORDAHL
Claimant

APPEAL 21A-UI-04992-S1-T

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE
DECISION**

**IOWA WORKFORCE
DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT**

**OC: 03/29/20
Claimant: Appellant (6)**

Iowa Code Ch. 17A – Iowa Administrative Procedure Act
Iowa Code Ch. 96 – Iowa Employment Security Act
Iowa Admin. Code r. 871-24.19(3) – Determination and review of benefit rights
Iowa Admin. Code r. 871-26.8(1) - Withdrawals, dismissals and postponements

STATEMENT OF THE CASE:

The claimant filed an appeal to a representative's decision. A new appeal case number was assigned using the incorrect underlying representative's decision dated February 8, 2021, reference 03. That case was set up in error.

ISSUE:

The issue is whether the appeal should be dismissed due to agency error.

FINDINGS OF FACT:


The administrative law judge, having considered all of the evidence in the record, finds that: The employer filed an appeal to a representative's decision. A new appeal case number was assigned using the incorrect underlying representative's decision. That case number was set up in error.

REASONING AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW:

Generally, courts and administrative tribunals do not decide issues when the underlying controversy is moot. *Rhiner v. State*, 703 N.W.2d 174, 176 (Iowa 2005). "A case is moot if it no longer presents a justiciable controversy because the issues involved are academic or nonexistent." *Iowa Bankers Ass'n v. Iowa Credit Union Dep't*, 335 N.W.2d 439, 442 (Iowa 1983). As such, the appeal in this matter should be dismissed.

DECISION:

The representative's February 8, 2021 decision (reference 03) is approved. The appeal is dismissed as moot.

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Beth A. Scheetz
Administrative Law Judge

March 25, 2021
Decision Dated and Mailed

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