

**IOWA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT  
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE APPEALS**

68-0157 (9-06) - 3091078 - EI

**STEPHANIE L ANASTASI**  
Claimant

**APPEAL NO: 13A-UI-03498-DWT**

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE  
DECISION**

**CDS GLOBAL INC**  
Employer

**OC: 11/11/12  
Claimant: Appellant (1)**

Iowa Code § 96.5(2)a – Discharge  
871 IAC 26.8(5) – Decision on the Record

**STATEMENT OF THE CASE:**

The claimant appealed a representative's March 14, 2013 determination (reference 02) that disqualified her from receiving benefits and held the employer's account exempt from charge because she had been discharged for disqualifying reasons. The first telephone hearing scheduled on April 18 was postponed at the claimant's request. Both parties agreed the next could be scheduled on April 25 at 1 p.m.

For the April 25 hearing the claimant provided the phone number to call her for the hearing, but she was not available. A message was left for her to contact the Appeals Section if she was going to participate. The claimant did not call the Appeals Section on April 25, 2013. Sharon Kroger, Jill Murtaugh, Marti Shaw, Sue Drummert and Kris Pope appeared on the employer's behalf. Based on the administrative file and the law, the following findings of fact, reasoning and conclusions of law and decision are entered.

**FINDINGS OF FACT:**

The parties were properly notified of the scheduled April 25 hearing. The claimant failed to provide a telephone number at which she could be reached for the hearing. The claimant, the appealing party, did not participate in the hearing or request another postponement of the hearing as required by the hearing notice.

A careful review of the information in the administrative file has been conducted to determine whether the unemployment insurance decision should be affirmed.

**REASONING AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW:**

The unemployment insurance rules provide that when a party who has received due notice is unable to attend a hearing or request postponement within the prescribed time due to emergency or other good cause, the administrative law judge may, if no decision has been issued, reopen the record and schedule another hearing. If a decision has been issued, the decision may be vacated upon the administrative law judge's own motion or at the request of a party within 15 days after the mailing date of the decision and in the absence of an appeal to the

Employment Appeal Board or the Department of Inspections and Appeals. If a decision is vacated, notice shall be given to all parties of a new hearing to be held and decided by another administrative law judge. Once a decision has become final as provided by statute, the administrative law judge officer has no jurisdiction to reopen the record or vacate the decision. 871 IAC 26.8(3). The rules further provide that a request to reopen a record or vacate a decision may be heard ex parte by an administrative law judge. The granting or denial of such a request may be used as a grounds for appeal to the Employment Appeal Board or the Department of Inspections and Appeals after the administrative law judge has issued a final decision in the case. 871 IAC 26.8(4). Finally, if good cause for postponement or reopening has not been shown, the administrative law judge shall make a decision based upon whatever evidence is properly in the record. 871 IAC 26.8(5).

The administrative law judge has carefully reviewed the information in the administrative file in the record and concludes that the unemployment insurance decision previously entered in this case is correct and should be affirmed.

Pursuant to the rule, the claimant must make a written request to the administrative law judge that the hearing be reopened within 15 days after the mailing date of this decision. The written request should be mailed to the administrative law judge at the address listed at the beginning of this decision and must explain the emergency or other good cause that prevented the claimant from participating in the hearing at its scheduled time.

**DECISION:**

The representative's March 14, 2013 determination (reference 02) is affirmed. The determination that disqualified the claimant from receiving benefits remains in effect. This means, the claimant is disqualified from receiving unemployment insurance benefits as of February 10, 2013. This disqualification continues until she has been paid ten times her weekly benefit amount for insured work, provided she is otherwise eligible. This decision will become final unless a written request establishing good cause to reopen the record is made to the administrative law judge within 15 days of the date of this decision.

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Debra L. Wise  
Administrative Law Judge

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Decision Dated and Mailed

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