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Unemployment Insurance Appeals Section  
1000 East Grand—Des Moines, Iowa 50319  
DECISION OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE  
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Appeal Number: 05A-UI-02473-MT  
OC: 01/30/05 R: 03  
Claimant: Appellant (2R)

**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 written Notice of Appeal, directly to the **Employment Appeal Board, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor—Lucas Building, Des Moines, Iowa 50319**.

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1. The name, address and social security number of the claimant.
2. 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.

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(Administrative Law Judge)

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(Decision Dated & Mailed)

Section 96.3-7 - Recovery of Overpayment of Benefits

STATEMENT OF THE CASE:

Claimant appealed a representative's decision dated March 3, 2005, reference 04, that concluded claimant was overpaid unemployment insurance benefits in the amount of \$735.00 as a result of a disqualification decision. A telephone hearing was scheduled and held on March 28, 2005 pursuant to due notice. Claimant did participate.

FINDINGS OF FACT:

The administrative law judge, having considered all of the evidence in the record, finds that: The overpayment issue in this case was created by a disqualification decision that has now been reversed. Claimant only received one of two checks sent to him. The question of

overpayment and payment amount has not been resolved due to lost checks. Claimant changed his address one check was not forwarded and was cancelled to offset the overpayment.

#### REASONING AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW:

Iowa Code Section 96.3-7 provides:

7. Recovery of overpayment of benefits. If an individual receives benefits for which the individual is subsequently determined to be ineligible, even though the individual acts in good faith and is not otherwise at fault, the benefits shall be recovered. The department in its discretion may recover the overpayment of benefits either by having a sum equal to the overpayment deducted from any future benefits payable to the individual or by having the individual pay to the department a sum equal to the overpayment.

If the department determines that an overpayment has been made, the charge for the overpayment against the employer's account shall be removed and the account shall be credited with an amount equal to the overpayment from the unemployment compensation trust fund and this credit shall include both contributory and reimbursable employers, notwithstanding section 96.8, subsection 5.

The administrative law judge concludes that claimant is not overpaid unemployment insurance benefits in the amount of \$735.00 pursuant to Iowa Code Section 96.3-7 as the disqualification decision that created the overpayment decision has now been reversed.

#### DECISION:

The decision of the representative dated March 3, 2005, reference 04, is reversed and remanded so that the cancelled check for the weeks ending February 19, 2005 and February 26, 2005 can be reissued to the claimant. Claimant is not overpaid unemployment insurance benefits in the amount of \$775.00.

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