IOWA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE APPEALS

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BEVERLY D SCHRAMM

Claimant

APPEAL NO. 11A-UI-12105-MT

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE DECISION

COUNCIL BLUFFS COMM SCHOOL DIST

Employer

OC: 05/22/11

Claimant: Appellant (2)

Section 96.5-1 – Voluntary Quit

STATEMENT OF THE CASE:

Claimant filed an appeal from a decision of a representative dated September 14, 2011, reference 03, which held claimant ineligible for unemployment insurance benefits. After due notice, a hearing was scheduled for and held on October 10, 2011. Claimant participated. Employer participated by Jamie Cooper, Attorney at Law with witness Brandi Babrick, Human Resource Administrative Assistant. Exhibits One through Five were admitted into evidence.

ISSUE:

The issue in this matter is whether claimant quit for good cause attributable to employer.

FINDINGS OF FACT:

The administrative law judge, having heard the testimony and considered all of the evidence in the record, finds: Claimant last worked for employer on January 12, 2011. Claimant worked as a part time substitute school teacher. Claimant was getting very few hours so she left the teaching job to work for the IRS full time, September 13, 2011 through December 11, 2011. Claimant quit because she could not live on the part-time hours offered by the school district. Claimant quit for new and better employment.

REASONING AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW:

The administrative law judge holds that the evidence has failed to establish that claimant voluntarily quit for good cause attributable to employer when claimant terminated the employment relationship because of new and better employment. However, claimant has qualified for benefits because she took new and better employment. This employer's credits through September 13, 2011 shall be transferred to the unemployment compensation fund. Credits earned from part time employment with this employer on or after September 13, 2011 shall be removed as claimant was working part-time as a substitute.

Iowa Code § 96.5-1-a provides:

An individual shall be disqualified for benefits:

- 1. Voluntary quitting. If the individual has left work voluntarily without good cause attributable to the individual's employer, if so found by the department. But the individual shall not be disqualified if the department finds that:
- a. The individual left employment in good faith for the sole purpose of accepting other or better employment, which the individual did accept, and the individual performed services in the new employment. Benefits relating to wage credits earned with the employer that the individual has left shall be charged to the unemployment compensation fund. This paragraph applies to both contributory and reimbursable employers, notwithstanding section 96.8, subsection 5.

871 IAC 24.28(5) provides:

Voluntary quit requalifications and previously adjudicated voluntary quit issues.

(5) The claimant shall be eligible for benefits even though the claimant voluntarily quit if the claimant left for the sole purpose of accepting an offer of other or better employment, which the claimant did accept, and from which the claimant is separated, before or after having started the new employment.

871 IAC 24.27 provides:

Voluntary quit of part-time employment and requalification. An individual who voluntarily quits without good cause part-time employment and has not requalified for benefits following the voluntary quit of part-time employment, yet is otherwise monetarily eligible for benefits based on wages paid by the regular or other base period employers, shall not be disqualified for voluntarily quitting the part-time employment. The individual and the part-time employer which was voluntarily quit shall be notified on the Form 65-5323 or 60-0186, Unemployment Insurance Decision, that benefit payments shall not be made which are based on the wages paid by the part-time employer and benefit charges shall not be assessed against the part-time employer's account; however, once the individual has met the requalification requirements following the voluntary quit without good cause of the part-time employer, the wages paid in the part-time employment shall be available for benefit payment purposes. For benefit charging purposes and as determined by the applicable requalification requirements, the wages paid by the part-time employer shall be transferred to the balancing account.

DECISION:

The decision of the representative dated September 14, 2011, reference 03, is reversed. Unemployment insurance benefits are allowed, provided claimant is otherwise eligible. Employer's account shall not be charged. Credits before September 13, 2011 shall be transferred to the unemployment compensation fund, credits after shall be removed from claimant's record due to quitting part-time employment.

Marlon Mormann Administrative Law Judge

Decision Dated and Mailed

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