

**IOWA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT
Unemployment Insurance Appeals Section
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DECISION OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE
68-0157 (7-97) – 3091078 - EI**

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**Appeal Number: 04A-UI-11364-MT
OC: 12/14/03 R: 12
Claimant: Appellant (2)**

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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)

(Decision Dated & Mailed)

Section 96.4-3 - Able and Available

STATEMENT OF THE CASE:

Claimant filed an appeal from a decision of a representative dated October 22, 2004, reference 09, which held claimant not able and available for work. After due notice, a telephone conference hearing was scheduled for and held on November 18, 2004. Claimant participated personally. Employer participated by Sarah Anderson, Project Coordinator.

FINDINGS OF FACT:

The administrative law judge, having heard the testimony and considered all of the evidence in the record, finds: Claimant, on September 22, 2004, refused a job with this employer because he could not get to work. Claimant used a bus line for transportation. The job was outside the

bus line that runs within the Des Moines metropolitan area. Claimant had always relied on bus service for work with no prior issues. The temporary job claimant had been working had not let him work for about two days a week for the last two weeks. Claimant had no change in employment-related transportation status.

REASONING AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW:

The issue in this matter is whether claimant is able and available for work.

Iowa Code Section 96.4-3 provides:

An unemployed individual shall be eligible to receive benefits with respect to any week only if the department finds that:

3. The individual is able to work, is available for work, and is earnestly and actively seeking work. This subsection is waived if the individual is deemed partially unemployed, while employed at the individual's regular job, as defined in section 96.19, subsection 38, paragraph "b", unnumbered paragraph 1, or temporarily unemployed as defined in section 96.19, subsection 38, paragraph "c". The work search requirements of this subsection and the disqualification requirement for failure to apply for, or to accept suitable work of section 96.5, subsection 3 are waived if the individual is not disqualified for benefits under section 96.5, subsection 1, paragraph "h".

Claimant had no change in the ability to go to and from work. This is not a significant impediment on his ability to work. Using the bus line is reasonable in a metropolitan area. Benefits shall be allowed effective September 26, 2004.

DECISION:

The decision of the representative dated October 22 2004, reference 09 is reversed. Claimant is eligible to receive unemployment insurance benefits, effective September 26, 2004, provided claimant meets all other eligibility requirements.

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