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DECISION OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE
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Appeal Number: 06A-UI-04687-AT
OC: 10-23-05 R: 03
Claimant: Respondent (4)

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1. The name, address and social security number of the claimant.
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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 96.3-5 – Business Closure

STATEMENT OF THE CASE:

The employer filed a timely appeal from an unemployment insurance decision dated February 27, 2006, reference 01, which allowed unemployment insurance benefits based on the business closure computation to the claimant. After due notice was issued, a telephone hearing was held on June 8, 2006. The claimant participated in the hearing. The employer did not.

FINDINGS OF FACT:

Having heard the testimony of the witnesses and having examined all of the evidence in the record, the administrative law judge finds: The claimant was last employed by Pleasant Park Estates, Inc. at 1514 High Street, Avenue West, Oskaloosa, Iowa. The business was sold to a new owner who continued operating the retirement home. The claimant was not hired by the new employer. There was never a period of time in which business activity was not occurring at 1514 High Street, Avenue West in Oskaloosa.

REASONING AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW:

The question is whether the claimant is entitled to benefits computed using the business closure provisions of the employment security law. The administrative law judge concludes that although the claimant is entitled to receive benefits based on the normal computation method, the claimant is not entitled to computation of benefits based upon the business closure method.

An employer is not considered to have gone out of business if the employer sells or otherwise transfers the business to another employer who continues to operate the business. See 871 IAC 24.29(2). The evidence in this record persuades the administrative law judge that Pleasant Park Estates, Inc. sold its business to another entity which continued in operation at the location where the claimant last worked. Under these circumstances, computation of benefits using the business closure method is not appropriate.

DECISION:

The unemployment insurance decision dated February 27, 2006, reference 01, is modified. The claimant is entitled to receive unemployment insurance benefits using the normal method of computation but is not eligible for benefits computed using the business closure provisions.

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