

**IOWA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT  
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE APPEALS BUREAU**

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**MEREDITH A KNODE**  
Claimant

**DOLGENCORP LLC**  
Employer

**APPEAL 21A-UI-11316-LJ-T**  
**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE  
DECISION**

**OC: 03/29/20**  
**Claimant: Appellant (6)**

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Iowa Code § 96.5(1) – Voluntary Quit from Employment  
Iowa Code Ch. 17A – Iowa Administrative Procedure Act  
Iowa Admin. Code r. 871-24.19(3) – Claims Bureau Subsequent Action  
Iowa Admin. Code r. 871-26.11 - Motions

**STATEMENT OF THE CASE:**

The claimant, Meredith A. Knode, filed an appeal from the unemployment insurance decision dated April 20, 2021 (reference 03), that found the claimant was not eligible for unemployment insurance benefits based on a September 9, 2019, separation from employer Dolgencorp, L.L.C. Before a hearing was held, Iowa Workforce Development issued a favorable decision to the claimant and the employer, dated April 20, 2021 (reference 06), stating the claimant has requalified for unemployment insurance benefits and the employer's account will not be charged for benefits paid. This decision made the issue on appeal moot. Therefore, no testimony or additional evidence was necessary. No hearing was held.

**ISSUES:**

Should the most recent unemployment insurance decision be affirmed?

Should the appeal be dismissed as moot?

**FINDINGS OF FACT:**

These findings of fact are based on the pertinent agency documents relating to this claimant and his appeal. An unemployment insurance decision dated April 20, 2021 (reference 03), determined that the claimant was not eligible for unemployment insurance benefits due to a disqualifying September 2, 2019, separation from the employer. The claimant appealed this decision, and a hearing was scheduled for 4:00 p.m. on Friday, July 9, 2021.

Before a hearing was held, Iowa Workforce Development issued a favorable decision to both parties, dated April 20, 2021 (reference 06), stating that claimant is eligible for benefits and the employer's account will not be charged. This subsequent decision stated that claimant has earned ten times her weekly benefit amount of \$286.00 since separating from the employer on September 2, 2019, and therefore she has requalified for benefits. Further, wage credits totaling \$7,150.00 earned between October 1, 2018, and September 2, 2019, will be charged to

the unemployment compensation fund and not the employer. This decision resolved the only issue on appeal in the claimant's favor without any prejudice to the employer, making the appeal moot.

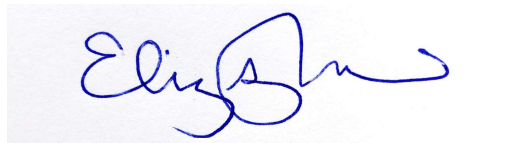
**REASONING AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW:**

Generally, courts and administrative tribunals do not decide issues when the underlying controversy is moot. *Rhiner v. State*, 703 N.W.2d 174, 176 (Iowa 2005). "A case is moot if it no longer presents a justiciable controversy because the issues involved are academic or nonexistent." *Iowa Bankers Ass'n v. Iowa Credit Union Dep't*, 335 N.W.2d 439, 442 (Iowa 1983)

The reference 03 decision appealed has been effectively supplanted by the reference 06 decision, making this appeal moot. The appeal of the original representative's decision dated April 20, 2021 (reference 03) is dismissed. The representative's decision dated April 20, 2021 (reference 06) affirmed.

**DECISION:**

The representative's decision dated April 20, 2021 (reference 06) is affirmed. The claimant's appeal is dismissed as moot.



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