IOWA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT Unemployment Insurance Appeals Section 1000 East Grand—Des Moines, Iowa 50319 DECISION OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE 68-0157 (7-97) – 3091078 - EI

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DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

Appeal Number: 04A-UI-06616-AT

OC: 04-25-04 R: 03

Claimant: Appellant (2)

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(Administrative Law Judge)	
(Decision Dated & Mailed)	

871 IAC 24.6(6) - Reemployment Services

# STATEMENT OF THE CASE:

Elmer B. Griffith filed a timely appeal from an unemployment insurance decision dated June 10, 2004, reference 04, which denied benefits for the week ending June 5, 2004 upon a finding that he had not established justifiable cause for failing to participate in reemployment services during that week. Due notice was issued for a telephone hearing to be held July 6, 2004. Prior to the date of the hearing, the Agency issued a second decision granting the relief that Mr. Griffith requested. Under these circumstances, the administrative law judge concludes that a hearing is not necessary.

### FINDINGS OF FACT:

Having examined all matters of record, the administrative law judge finds: Elmer B. Griffith has established justifiable cause for failing to participate in reemployment services during the week beginning May 29, 2004.

### REASONING AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW:

The question is whether benefits should be withheld because Mr. Griffith failed to participate in reemployment services during the week in question. According to 871 IAC 24.6(6), benefits are withheld for failing to participate in reemployment services if, and only if, the claimant fails to establish a justifiable reason for his failure. The evidence here establishes that Mr. Griffith has established a justifiable reason. Therefore, benefits should be allowed.

## **DECISION:**

The unemployment insurance decision dated June 10, 2004, reference 04, is reversed. The claimant is entitled to receive unemployment insurance benefits for the week ending June 5, 2004.

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