## BEFORE THE EMPLOYMENT APPEAL BOARD Lucas State Office Building Fourth floor Des Moines, Iowa 50319

AARON D STOTTLEMIRE Claimant	HEARING NUMBER: 15B-UI-03373
and	EMPLOYMENT APPEAL BOARD
ADVANCE SERVICES INC	: Decision

Employer

SECTION: 10A.601 Employment Appeal Board Review

# DECISION

# **FINDINGS OF FACT:**

The notice of hearing in this matter was mailed March 26, 2015. The notice set a hearing for April 22, 2015. The Claimant contacted the agency to provide a telephone number at which he could be reached for the hearing. On the day of the hearing, the Claimant did not appear for or participate in the hearing. The reason the Claimant did not appear is because the Claimant's phone line was down and he couldn't receive the call, or call into the agency.

#### **REASONING AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW:**

Iowa Code section 10A.601(4) (2011) provides:

4. Appeal board review. The appeal board may on its own motion affirm, modify, or set aside any decision of a administrative law judge on the basis of the evidence previously submitted in such case, or direct the taking of additional evidence, or may permit any of the parties to such decision to initiate further appeals before it. The appeal board shall permit such further appeal by any of the parties interested in a decision of an administrative law judge and by the representative whose decision has been overruled or modified by the administrative law judge. The appeal board shall review the case pursuant to rules adopted by the appeal board. The appeal board shall promptly notify the interested parties of its findings and decision.

Here the Claimant did not participate in the hearing through no fault of the Claimant. The Claimant complied with the notice instructions by providing his telephone number. However, due to circumstances beyond his control, he was unable to gain access to the hearing and was unable to call in. The Claimant established good cause for his nonparticipation. For this reason, the matter will be remanded for another hearing before an administrative law judge.

## **DECISION:**

The decision of the administrative law judge dated April 23, 2015 is not vacated. This matter is remanded to an administrative law judge in the Unemployment Insurance Appeals Bureau. The administrative law judge shall conduct a hearing following due notice. After the hearing, the administrative law judge shall issue a decision which provides the parties appeal rights.

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