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DECISION OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE

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Appeal Number: 17IWDUI301
OC: 7/10/16
Claimant: Appellant (6)

This Decision Shall Become Final, unless within fifteen (15) days from the date below, you or any interested party appeal to the Employment Appeal Board by submitting either a signed letter or a signed Notice of Appeal, directly to the **Employment Appeal Board, 4TH Floor Lucas Building, Des Moines, Iowa 50319.**

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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.

YOU MAY REPRESENT yourself in this appeal or you may obtain a lawyer or other interested party to do so provided there is no expense to the department. If you wish to be represented by a lawyer, you may obtain the services of either a private attorney or one whose services are paid for with public funds. It is important that you file your claim as directed, while this appeal is pending, to protect your continuing right to benefits.

(Administrative Law Judge)

June 29, 2017

(Decision Dated & Mailed)

Iowa Code section 17A.12(3) – Default
871 Iowa Administrative Code 26.14(6) – Failure to Appear

STATEMENT OF THE CASE

Appellant Christopher Singer filed an appeal of a decision issued by Iowa Workforce Development dated April 28, 2017 (reference 04). A Notice of Telephone Hearing was mailed to all parties on June 5, 2017 setting a hearing date of June 27, 2017 at 2:00 PM. At IWD's request, the hearing was rescheduled and a continuance order was sent on June 9, 2017 setting a hearing date of June 29, 2017 at 8:30 AM. The order contained instructions regarding how to participate in the telephone hearing. The Appellant did not call in to participate in the hearing at the date and time indicated.

The Iowa Administrative Procedure Act provides that if a party fails to appear or participate in a contested case proceeding after proper service of notice, the presiding officer may enter a default decision.¹ Iowa Workforce Development regulations give the presiding officer discretion regarding whether to proceed with a hearing in the absence of the appealing party.² In this case, a hearing was not held and a default decision was entered.

DECISION

The Appellant's appeal is dismissed. The Department shall take any action necessary to implement this decision.

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¹ Iowa Code § 17A.12(3).

² 871 Iowa Administrative Code 26.14(6).