IOWA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE APPEALS BUREAU

MICHAEL B BOYLE

Claimant

APPEAL 15A-UI-13478-CL-T

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE DECISION

WAL-MART STORES INC

Employer

OC: 11/15/15

Claimant: Appellant (4)

Iowa Code § 96.5(1) - Voluntary Quitting

STATEMENT OF THE CASE:

The claimant filed an appeal from the December 4, 2015 (reference 01) unemployment insurance decision that denied benefits based upon a voluntary quit. The parties were properly notified about the hearing. A telephone hearing was held on December 30, 2015. Claimant participated. Employer participated through assistant manager Tony Gatzemyer.

ISSUE:

Did claimant voluntarily quit the employment with good cause attributable to employer?

FINDINGS OF FACT:

Having reviewed all of the evidence in the record, the administrative law judge finds: Claimant was employed part time as a greeter in the auto care center from March 26, 2015 and was separated from employment on November 11, 2015; when he voluntarily quit.

Toward the end of his employment, claimant became employed in a new full-time job that required him to work many hours. Thus, claimant asked employer to reduce his part-time hours even further. Employer was unable to do so. Thus, claimant voluntarily resigned.

The administrative record shows that the claimant has not requalified for benefits since this separation but reflects he may be otherwise monetarily eligible for benefits after this employer's wages are excluded from the base period.

REASONING AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW:

For the reasons that follow, the administrative law judge concludes the claimant voluntarily left the employment without good cause attributable to the employer but has not requalified and may be otherwise monetarily eligible. Iowa Code § 96.5-1 provides:

An individual shall be disqualified for benefits:

1. Voluntary quitting. If the individual has left work voluntarily without good cause attributable to the individual's employer, if so found by the department.

Iowa Code § 96.5-1-g provides:

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- 1. Voluntary quitting. If the individual has left work voluntarily without good cause attributable to the individual's employer, if so found by the department. But the individual shall not be disqualified if the department finds that:
- g. The individual left work voluntarily without good cause attributable to the employer under circumstances which did or would disqualify the individual for benefits, except as provided in paragraph "a" of this subsection but, subsequent to the leaving, the individual worked in and was paid wages for insured work equal to ten times the individual's weekly benefit amount, provided the individual is otherwise eligible.

Iowa Admin. Code r. 871-24.27 provides:

Voluntary quit of part-time employment and requalification. An individual who voluntarily quits without good cause part-time employment and has not requalified for benefits following the voluntary quit of part-time employment, yet is otherwise monetarily eligible for benefits based on wages paid by the regular or other base period employers, shall not be disqualified for voluntarily quitting the part-time employment. The individual and the part-time employer which was voluntarily quit shall be notified on the Form 65-5323 or 60-0186, Unemployment Insurance Decision, that benefit payments shall not be made which are based on the wages paid by the part-time employer and benefit charges shall not be assessed against the part-time employer's account; however, once the individual has met the requalification requirements following the voluntary quit without good cause of the part-time employer, the wages paid in the part-time employment shall be available for benefit payment purposes. For benefit charging purposes and as determined by the applicable requalification requirements, the wages paid by the part-time employer shall be transferred to the balancing account.

Inasmuch as claimant quit because he disliked the work hours, the separation is disqualifying. However, the claimant may be otherwise monetarily eligible according to base-period wages. Benefits are allowed, provided the claimant is otherwise eligible.

DECISION:

The December 4, 2015 (reference 01) decision is modified in favor of the appellant. The claimant voluntarily left the employment without good cause attributable to the employer and has not requalified for benefits but may be otherwise monetarily eligible. Benefits are allowed, provided the claimant is otherwise eligible. The account of this employer (168629) shall not be charged.

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