IOWA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE APPEALS

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RONALD E LEVANDOSKI

Claimant

APPEAL NO. 12A-UI-06295-S2T

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE DECISION

WORKSOURCE INC

Employer

OC: 12/18/11

Claimant: Appellant (2)

Section 96.5-1-j – Separation from Temporary Employer

STATEMENT OF THE CASE:

Ronald Levandoski (claimant) appealed a representative's May 25, 2012 decision (reference 05) that concluded he was not eligible to receive unemployment insurance benefits due to his separation from work with Worksource (employer). After hearing notices were mailed to the parties' last-known addresses of record, a telephone hearing was held on June 25, 2012. The claimant participated personally. The employer provided a telephone number but could not be reached at the time of the hearing. The administrative law judge left a message for the employer. The employer did not call the administrative law judge during the hearing.

ISSUE:

The issue is whether the claimant was separated from employment for any disqualifying reason.

FINDINGS OF FACT:

The administrative law judge, having heard the testimony and considered all of the evidence in the record, finds that: The employer is a temporary employment service. The claimant performed services from January 20 through April 19, 2012. The claimant thinks he signed a document indicating that he was to contact the employer within three days following the completion of an assignment to request placement in a new assignment. The claimant completed his last assignment on April 19, 2012, and sought reassignment from the employer on April 19, 2012. No work was available.

REASONING AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW:

For the reasons that follow the administrative law judge concludes the claimant was not separated from the employer for any disqualifying reason.

Iowa Code section 96.5-1-j 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, but the individual shall not be disqualified if the department finds that:
- j. The individual is a temporary employee of a temporary employment firm who notifies the temporary employment firm of completion of an employment assignment and who seeks reassignment. Failure of the individual to notify the temporary employment firm of completion of an employment assignment within three working days of the completion of each employment assignment under a contract of hire shall be deemed a voluntary quit unless the individual was not advised in writing of the duty to notify the temporary employment firm upon completion of an employment assignment or the individual had good cause for not contacting the temporary employment firm within three working days and notified the firm at the first reasonable opportunity thereafter.

To show that the employee was advised in writing of the notification requirement of this paragraph, the temporary employment firm shall advise the temporary employee by requiring the temporary employee, at the time of employment with the temporary employment firm, to read and sign a document that provides a clear and concise explanation of the notification requirement and the consequences of a failure to notify. The document shall be separate from any contract of employment and a copy of the signed document shall be provided to the temporary employee.

For the purposes of this paragraph:

- (1) "Temporary employee" means an individual who is employed by a temporary employment firm to provide services to clients to supplement their work force during absences, seasonal workloads, temporary skill or labor market shortages, and for special assignments and projects.
- (2) "Temporary employment firm" means a person engaged in the business of employing temporary employees.

The claimant followed the instructions in the notice requirement and sought reassignment within three working days of the end of his assignment. The claimant satisfied the requirements of lowa Code Section 96.5-1-j. Benefits are allowed.

DECISION:

The representative's May 25, 2012 decision (reference 05) is reversed. The claimant was separated from the employer for good cause attributable to the employer. The claimant is eligible to receive unemployment insurance benefits.

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Beth A. Scheetz Administrative Law Judge

Decision Dated and Mailed

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