

IOWA DEPARTMENT OF INSPECTIONS AND APPEALS  
Division of Administrative Hearings  
Wallace State Office Building  
Des Moines, Iowa 50319

**Appeal Number: 10IWDUI060**  
**OC: 11/1/2009**  
**Claimant: Appellant (6)**

DECISION OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE

**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, 4<sup>TH</sup> Floor Lucas Building, Des Moines, Iowa 50319.**

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The appeal period will be extended to the next business day if the last day to appeal falls on a weekend or a legal holiday.

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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.

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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.

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(Administrative Law Judge)

March 22, 2010

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(Decision Dated & Mailed)

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Iowa Code section 17A.12(3) – Default  
871 Iowa Administrative Code 26.14(6)-(7) – Failure to Appear

### **STATEMENT OF THE CASE**

The claimant filed an appeal of a representative's decision dated January 8, 2010, reference 01. A Notice of Telephone Hearing was mailed to all parties on February 25, 2010 setting a hearing date of March 19, 2010 at 2:00 PM. The notice contained instructions regarding how to participate in the telephone hearing. The claimant 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.<sup>1</sup> Iowa Workforce Development regulations give the presiding officer discretion regarding whether to proceed with a hearing in the absence of one or more of the parties.<sup>2</sup> In this case, a hearing was not held and a default decision was entered.

### **DECISION**

The appellant's appeal is dismissed. The Department's decision dated January 8, 2010 is affirmed. The Department shall take any action necessary to implement this decision.

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<sup>1</sup> Iowa Code § 17A.12(3).

<sup>2</sup> 871 Iowa Administrative Code 26.14(6)-(7).