

**IOWA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT  
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE APPEALS**

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**KARLA E HALTERMAN**  
Claimant

**APPEAL NO. 11A-UCFE-00028-MT**

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE  
DECISION**

**HOME DEPOT USA INC**  
Employer

**OC: 05/30/10**  
**Claimant: Appellant (2)**

Section 96.5-1 – Voluntary Quit

**STATEMENT OF THE CASE:**

Claimant filed an appeal from a decision of a representative dated May 25, 2011, reference 05, which held claimant ineligible for unemployment insurance benefits. After due notice, a hearing was scheduled for and held on June 30, 2011. Claimant participated. Employer failed to respond to the hearing notice and did not participate.

**ISSUE:**

The issue in this matter is whether claimant quit for good cause attributable to employer.

**FINDINGS OF FACT:**

The administrative law judge, having heard the testimony and having considered all of the evidence in the record, finds: Claimant last worked for employer on April 20, 2011. Claimant quit for new and better employment. Claimant worked in and received wages at the new job.

**REASONING AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW:**

The administrative law judge holds that the evidence has failed to establish that claimant voluntarily quit for good cause attributable to employer when claimant terminated the employment relationship because of new employment. However, quitting for a new job re-qualifies claimant for benefits. Employer's account shall not be charged.

Iowa Code section 96.5-1-a 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:

a. The individual left employment in good faith for the sole purpose of accepting other or better employment, which the individual did accept, and the individual performed

services in the new employment. Benefits relating to wage credits earned with the employer that the individual has left shall be charged to the unemployment compensation fund. This paragraph applies to both contributory and reimbursable employers, notwithstanding section 96.8, subsection 5.

871 IAC 24.28(5) provides:

Voluntary quit requalifications and previously adjudicated voluntary quit issues.

(5) The claimant shall be eligible for benefits even though the claimant voluntarily quit if the claimant left for the sole purpose of accepting an offer of other or better employment, which the claimant did accept, and from which the claimant is separated, before or after having started the new employment.

**DECISION:**

The decision of the representative dated May 25, 2011, reference 05, is reversed. Unemployment insurance benefits are allowed, provided claimant is otherwise eligible. Employer's account shall not be charged.

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Marlon Mormann  
Administrative Law Judge

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Decision Dated and Mailed

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