IOWA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT Unemployment Insurance Appeals Section 1000 East Grand—Des Moines, Iowa 50319 DECISION OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE 68-0157 (7-97) – 3091078 - EI

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DOLGENCORP INC DOLLAR GENERAL ^C/_o COMP TAX MGR PO BOX 34150 LOUISVILLE KY 40232

Appeal Number:05A-UI-04750-DWTOC:04/10/05R:02Claimant:Appellant (4)

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(Administrative Law Judge)

(Decision Dated & Mailed)

Section 96.5-1 - Voluntary Quit

STATEMENT OF THE CASE:

David J. Kofstad (claimant) appealed a representative's April 25, 2005 decision (reference 01) that concluded he was not qualified to receive unemployment insurance benefits as of April 10, 2005, and the account of Dollar General (employer) would not be charged because the claimant voluntarily quit his employment for reasons that do not qualify him to receive unemployment insurance benefits. After hearing notices were mailed to the parties' last-known addresses of record, a telephone hearing was held on May 24, 2005. The claimant participated in the hearing. Brian Henley, the manager, appeared on the employer's behalf. Based on the evidence, the arguments of the parties, and the law, the administrative law judge enters the following findings of fact, reasoning and conclusions of law, and decision.

ISSUE:

Did the claimant voluntarily quit his employment for reasons that qualify him to receive unemployment insurance benefits?

FINDINGS OF FACT:

The claimant started working for the employer in early January 2004. The claimant worked as a part-time cashier/clerk, stocker. On March 24, 2005, the claimant gave the employer a two-week notice. The claimant planned only to work until April 9, 2005 because he had been offered a job with a construction company. The claimant's last day of work was April 1, 2005. Sometime after April 1, the construction company reneged on its offer of employment. The claimant's last day of work was April 1, 2005. The claimant would not have resigned if he had not accepted another job.

REASONING AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW:

A claimant is not qualified to receive unemployment insurance benefits if he voluntarily quits employment without good cause attributable to the employer. Iowa Code §96.5-1. If a claimant quits because he has accepted an offer of work from another employer, the claimant is not disqualified from receiving unemployment insurance benefits, and the employer's account will not be charged for benefits paid to the claimant. Iowa Code §96.5-1-a.

The facts establish the claimant quit his employment only after another employer offered him a job, which the claimant accepted. Unfortunately, before the claimant began working for the new employer, this employer did not follow through on the claimant's employment and the claimant was left unemployed. 871 IAC 24.28(5). Under these facts, as of April 10, 2005, the claimant is qualified to receive unemployment insurance benefits. The employer's account will not be charged.

DECISION:

The representative's April 25, 2005 decision (reference 01) is modified in the claimant's favor. The claimant voluntarily quit his employment for reasons that qualify him to receive benefits. As of April 10, 2005, the claimant is qualified to receive unemployment insurance benefits, provided he meets all other eligibility requirements. Since the claimant quit after he accepted other employment, the employer's account will not be charged.

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