IOWA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE APPEALS

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PAMELA J WADLEY

Claimant

APPEAL NO. 14A-UI-07149-S2T

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE DECISION

CASEY'S MARKETING COMPANY

Employer

OC: 06/15/14

Claimant: Appellant (4)

Section 96.5-1 – Voluntary Quit

STATEMENT OF THE CASE:

Pamela Wadley (claimant) appealed a representative's July 7, 2014 (reference 02) decision that concluded she was not eligible to receive unemployment insurance benefits because she voluntarily quit work with Casey's Marketing Company (employer). After hearing notices were mailed to the parties' last-known addresses of record, a telephone hearing was scheduled for August 4, 2014. The claimant participated personally. The employer participated by Wayne Palof, Manager.

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 claimant was hired on September 5, 2014 as a part-time cashier. In early February 2014 the claimant told the employer she was moving from Iowa to Michigan at the end of February 2014. The claimant worked through February 24, 2014. Continued work was available had the claimant not resigned.

The claimant filed for unemployment insurance benefits with an effective date of June 15, 2014. She has part-time wages from Wal-Mart Stores and full-time wages from Thomas L. Cardella & Associates in her base period.

REASONING AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW:

For the reasons that follow, the administrative law judge concludes the claimant voluntarily left her employment without good cause attributable to the employer and has not requalified for benefits following the voluntary quit of employment, but is 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 Admin. Code r. 871-24.25(2) provides:

Voluntary quit without good cause. In general, a voluntary quit means discontinuing the employment because the employee no longer desires to remain in the relationship of an employee with the employer from whom the employee has separated. The employer has the burden of proving that the claimant is disqualified for benefits pursuant to lowa Code § 96.5. However, the claimant has the initial burden to produce evidence that the claimant is not disqualified for benefits in cases involving lowa Code § 96.5, subsection (1), paragraphs "a" through "i," and subsection 10. The following reasons for a voluntary quit shall be presumed to be without good cause attributable to the employer:

(2) The claimant moved to a different locality.

A voluntary leaving of employment requires an intention to terminate the employment relationship accompanied by an overt act of carrying out that intention. <u>Local Lodge #1426 v. Wilson Trailer</u>, 289 N.W.2d 608, 612 (Iowa 1980). The claimant's intention to voluntarily leave work was evidenced by her words and actions. She told the employer she was leaving and quit work. When an employee quits work because she is moving to a different location, her leaving is without good cause attributable to the employer. The claimant left work because she was moving to a different locality. Her leaving was without good cause attributable to the employer. The claimant voluntarily quit without good cause attributable to the employer.

Iowa Code § 96.5-1-g 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:
- 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.

The separation is disqualifying. However, the claimant has not requalified for benefits since the separation and is otherwise monetarily eligible according to base period wages. Benefits are allowed, provided the claimant is otherwise eligible.

DECISION:

The representative's July 7, 2014, decision (reference 02) is 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 following the voluntary quit of employment, but is otherwise monetarily eligible. Benefits are allowed, provided the claimant is otherwise eligible. The account of this employer shall not be charged.

Beth A. Scheetz
Administrative Law Judge

Decision Dated and Mailed

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