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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Appeal Number:05A-UI-07923-DWTOC:06/26/05R:OI:03Claimant:Appellant(2)

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(Administrative Law Judge)

(Decision Dated & Mailed)

Section 96.4-3 – Ability to and Availability for Work

STATEMENT OF THE CASE:

Edris Gehy (claimant) appealed a representative's July 28, 2005 decision (reference 03) that concluded he was not eligible to receive benefits for the week ending July 9, 2005, because he was not able to or available for work. After hearing notices were mailed to the parties' last-known addresses of record, a telephone hearing was held on August 22, 2005. The claimant participated in the hearing. CFA, Inc. (employer) did not respond to the hearing notice by contacting the Appeals Section prior to the hearing and providing the phone number at which the employer's representative/witness could be contacted to participate at the hearing. As a result, no one represented the employer. Based on the evidence, the arguments of the claimant, and the law, the administrative law judge enters the following findings of fact, reasoning and conclusions of law, and decision.

ISSUE:

Was the claimant able to and available for work during the week ending July 9, 2005?

FINDINGS OF FACT:

The claimant established a claim for unemployment insurance benefits during the week of June 26, 2005. Prior to the week of July 3, the claimant planned to go to the East Coast to visit relatives. The claimant changed his plans and did not go out-of-state the week of July 3, 2005. The claimant looked for work during this week and was available to work if an employer had called and asked him to report to work this week.

REASONING AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW:

Each week a claimant files a claim for benefits, he was must able to and available for work. Iowa Code §96.4-3. The claimant established he was able to and available for work for the week ending July 9, 2005. Therefore, the claimant is eligible to receive benefits for this week.

DECISION:

The representative's July 28, 2005 decision (reference 03) is reversed. The claimant is eligible to receive benefits for the week ending July 9, 2005, because he was able to and available for work.

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