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DECISION OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE  
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Appeal Number: 06A-UI-03739-MT  
OC: 03/05/06 R: 03  
Claimant: Respondent (1)

**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 written Notice of Appeal, directly to the **Employment Appeal Board, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor—Lucas Building, Des Moines, Iowa 50319**.

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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.

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 Workforce Development. 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)

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(Decision Dated & Mailed)

Section 96.5-1 – Voluntary Quit

STATEMENT OF THE CASE:

Employer filed an appeal from a decision of a representative dated March 22, 2006, reference 01, which held claimant eligible for unemployment insurance benefits. After due notice, a telephone conference hearing was scheduled for and held on April 24, 2006. Claimant participated. Employer responded to the hearing notice and did not participate as the telephone number was busy after repeated attempts. Exhibit One was admitted into evidence.

FINDINGS OF FACT:

The administrative law judge, having heard the testimony and considered all of the evidence in the record, finds: Claimant last worked for employer on February 28, 2006. Claimant worked in

a cold area where a cooler fan blew directly on her. Claimant developed a lung infection as a direct result of the exposure to the cold fan forced air. Claimant was advised by her doctor to move to a warmer area. Claimant asked for an accommodation and none was available. Claimant quit because the cold area made her sick. Claimant was able to work but not in the cold area. Claimant could not bid another warm area job due to low seniority.

#### REASONING AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW:

The issue in this matter is whether claimant quit for good cause attributable to employer. The administrative law judge holds that the evidence has established that claimant voluntarily quit for good cause attributable to employer when claimant terminated the employment relationship because of detrimental working conditions. The cold air made claimant sick. Claimant attempted to bid a job in the warm area but none was available. This is a quit for cause attributable to employer. Benefits allowed.

Iowa Code section 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.

871 IAC 24.26(4) provides:

Voluntary quit with good cause attributable to the employer and separations not considered to be voluntary quits. The following are reasons for a claimant leaving employment with good cause attributable to the employer:

- (4) The claimant left due to intolerable or detrimental working conditions.

#### DECISION:

The decision of the representative dated March 22, 2006, reference 01, is affirmed. Unemployment insurance benefits are allowed provided claimant is otherwise eligible.

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