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Unemployment Insurance Appeals Section
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DECISION OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE
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CHRISSIE M PLUEMER
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DUBUQUE COMMUNITY “Y”
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Appeal Number: 04A-UI-02943-CT
OC: 02/01/04 R: 04
Claimant: Appellant (1)

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(Administrative Law Judge)

(Decision Dated & Mailed)

Section 96.4(3) – Able and Available

STATEMENT OF THE CASE:

Chrissie Pluemer filed an appeal from a representative's decision dated March 9, 2004, reference 03, which denied benefits on a finding that she did not satisfy the availability requirements of the law effective February 1, 2004. After due notice was issued, a hearing was held by telephone on April 6, 2004. Ms. Pluemer participated personally. The employer participated by Toby Wisecup, Executive Director, and Patricia Emerson, Director of Child Care.

FINDINGS OF FACT:

Having heard the testimony of the witnesses and having reviewed all the evidence in the record, the administrative law judge finds: Ms. Pluemer began working for Dubuque Community “Y” in

August of 1999. She was a full-time student and was hired to work part time as a child care provider. Prior to January of 2004, Ms. Pluemer had been working three days per week while attending school and more days during summer months. Due to her school schedule, she was only available to work Tuesdays and Thursdays beginning in January of 2004. Because of her limited availability, the employer placed Ms. Pluemer on the substitute list.

REASONING AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW:

At issue in this matter is whether Ms. Pluemer satisfied the availability requirements of Iowa Code Section 96.4(3) as of the effective date of her claim for job insurance benefits, February 1, 2004. A full-time student must be available to the same extent as she accrued wage credits during the base period of the claim. See 871 IAC 24.23(5). Ms. Pluemer had been working at least three days per week for the employer but is currently only available to work two days per week. Therefore, she is not available to the same extent as she had previously been working for the employer. As such, she does not satisfy the availability requirements of the law. Accordingly, benefits are denied.

DECISION:

The representative's decision dated March 9, 2004, reference 03, is hereby affirmed. Ms. Pluemer did not satisfy the availability requirements of the law effective February 1, 2004 and is disqualified from receiving benefits until such time as she is again available for work within the meaning of the law.

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