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: 06A-UI-02725-MT

OC: 07/10/05 R: 01 Claimant: Respondent (1)

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- That an appeal from such decision is being made and such appeal is signed.
- 4. The grounds upon which such appeal is based.

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(Administrative Law Judge)	
(Decision Dated & Mailed)	

Section 96.4-3 - Able and Available

### STATEMENT OF THE CASE:

Employer filed an appeal from a decision of a representative dated February 22, 2006, reference 09, which held claimant able and available for work. After due notice, a telephone conference hearing was scheduled for and held on March 28, 2006. Claimant participated personally. Employer participated by Heather Link, Human Resource Manager. 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 worked for employer part time as a Customer Service Professional.

Employer representatives sent claimant home early due to a lack of work during the weeks in question. Claimant was not able to work her normal part-time schedule. Claimant was able and available for regular hours.

# REASONING AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW:

The issue in this matter is whether claimant is able and available for work.

Iowa Code Section 96.4-3 provides:

An unemployed individual shall be eligible to receive benefits with respect to any week only if the department finds that:

3. The individual is able to work, is available for work, and is earnestly and actively seeking work. This subsection is waived if the individual is deemed partially unemployed, while employed at the individual's regular job, as defined in section 96.19, subsection 38, paragraph "b", unnumbered paragraph 1, or temporarily unemployed as defined in section 96.19, subsection 38, paragraph "c". The work search requirements of this subsection and the disqualification requirement for failure to apply for, or to accept suitable work of section 96.5, subsection 3 are waived if the individual is not disqualified for benefits under section 96.5, subsection 1, paragraph "h".

Claimant was able to work her normal part-time schedule but for being sent home early by employer supervisors. Claimant's sworn testimony is more credible than employer's hearsay on the issue of being sent home early. As an issue of law the sworn testimony is more credible than hearsay. Benefits shall be allowed effective January 29, 2006.

# **DECISION:**

The decision of the representative dated February 22, 2006, reference 09, is affirmed. Claimant is eligible to receive unemployment insurance benefits, effective January 29, 2006, provided claimant meets all other eligibility requirements.

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