

**IOWA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE APPEALS**

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APRIL M HECKRODT
Claimant

APPEAL NO. 07A-UI-01872-MT

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE
DECISION**

CITIMORTGAGE INC
Employer

**OC: 01/21/07 R: 12
Claimant: Appellant (2)**

Section 96.5-1 – Voluntary Quit

STATEMENT OF THE CASE:

Claimant filed an appeal from a decision of a representative dated February 14, 2007, reference 01, which held claimant ineligible for unemployment insurance benefits. After due notice, a telephone conference hearing was scheduled for and held on March 12, 2007. Claimant participated. Employer participated by Mike Sloan, Tax Hearing Representative with witnesses Chuck Mohns, Unit Manager, Julie Porter, Human Resources Specialist and Marsha Aldridge, Human Resource Manager. Exhibits A and One were admitted into evidence.

ISSUE:

The issue in this matter is whether claimant quit for good cause attributable to employer.

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 January 13, 2007. Claimant quit to move to Florida due to health issues. Claimant had another job lined up in Florida. Claimant was told that it would be no problem to take a job with a different division of the same company. Claimant believed that she had a job in Florida before leaving Iowa. The job was a better rate of pay.

REASONING AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW:

The administrative law judge holds that the evidence has failed to establish that claimant voluntarily quit for good cause attributable to employer when claimant terminated the employment relationship because of relocation to Florida. Claimant however did leave for better employment which results in a qualification for benefits. Employer's account shall not be charged.

Iowa Code section 96.5-1-a 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:

a. The individual left employment in good faith for the sole purpose of accepting other or better employment, which the individual did accept, and the individual performed services in the new employment. Benefits relating to wage credits earned with the employer that the individual has left shall be charged to the unemployment compensation fund. This paragraph applies to both contributory and reimbursable employers, notwithstanding section 96.8, subsection 5.

871 IAC 24.28(5) provides:

Voluntary quit requalifications and previously adjudicated voluntary quit issues.

(5) The claimant shall be eligible for benefits even though the claimant voluntarily quit if the claimant left for the sole purpose of accepting an offer of other or better employment, which the claimant did accept, and from which the claimant is separated, before or after having started the new employment. The employment does not have to be covered employment and does not include self-employment.

DECISION:

The decision of the representative dated February 14, 2007, reference 01, is reversed. Unemployment insurance benefits are allowed, provided claimant is otherwise eligible. Employer's account shall not be charged. Credits from this employer shall be transferred to the unemployment compensation fund.

Marlon Mormann
Administrative Law Judge

Decision Dated and Mailed

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