

**IOWA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT  
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE APPEALS BUREAU**

**TRE S HONSEY**  
Claimant

**APPEAL 17A-UI-05388-SC-T**

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE  
DECISION**

**NORTHAIRE ENGINEERING**  
Employer

**OC: 03/20/16  
Claimant: Respondent (1)**

Iowa Code § 96.7(2)a(6) – Appeal from the Statement of Charges  
Iowa Code § 96.6(2) – Timeliness of Protest

**STATEMENT OF THE CASE:**

Northaire Engineering (employer) filed an appeal from the Statement of Charges dated February 9, 2017 for the fourth quarter of 2016. A hearing was scheduled and held on June 19, 2017, pursuant to due notice. The claimant did not respond to the hearing notice and did not participate. The employer participated through President Paul Bower. Department's Exhibits D1 through D5 were received.

**ISSUE:**

Is the employer's protest timely?  
Is the employer's appeal from the Statement of Charges timely?

**FINDINGS OF FACT:**

Having reviewed all of the evidence in the record, the administrative law judge finds: The notice of wage transfer was mailed to the employer's address of record on March 31, 2016. (Department's Exhibit D1.) The employer received the notice but did not protest the claimant's claim for benefits at that time. The employer received the Statement of Charges mailed on November 9, 2016 for the third quarter of 2016. (Department's Exhibit D2). It received the Statement of Charges mailed on February 9, 2017 for the fourth quarter of 2016. (Department's Exhibit D4). The employer also received a Statement of Charges mailed on May 9, 2017 for the first quarter of 2017. (Department's Exhibit D5). Each Statement of Charges contained notice that an appeal must be filed within 30 days of the mailing date. The employer filed its first appeal or protest to the claimant's receipt of benefits on May 22, 2017. (Department's Exhibit D3).

**REASONING AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW:**

For the reasons that follow, the administrative law judge concludes that employer did not file a timely protest to the claimant's receipt of benefits or a timely appeal to the Statement of Charges.

Iowa Code § 96.6(2) provides, in pertinent part:

2. Initial determination. A representative designated by the director shall promptly notify all interested parties to the claim of its filing, and the parties have ten days from the date of mailing the notice of the filing of the claim by ordinary mail to the last known address to protest payment of benefits to the claimant.

Iowa Code § 96.7(2)a(6) provides:

2. Contribution rates based on benefit experience.

a. (6) Within forty days after the close of each calendar quarter, the department shall notify each employer of the amount of benefits charged to the employer's account during that quarter. The notification shall show the name of each individual to whom benefits were paid, the individual's social security number, and the amount of benefits paid to the individual. An employer which has not been notified as provided in section 96.6, subsection 2, of the allowance of benefits to an individual, may within thirty days after the date of mailing of the notification appeal to the department for a hearing to determine the eligibility of the individual to receive benefits. The appeal shall be referred to an administrative law judge for hearing and the employer and the individual shall receive notice of the time and place of the hearing.

The claimant filed his claim for benefits the week of March 20, 2016. The employer received notice of a transfer of wages and was given the opportunity to protest the claimant's receipt of benefits on March 31, 2016. The employer did not send back that document or provide a good cause reason for its failure. The delay was not due to any agency error or misinformation or delay or other action of the United States Postal Service pursuant to Iowa Admin. Code r. 871-24.35(2). The employer did not file a timely protest to the claimant's receipt of benefits.

The employer also did not file a timely appeal to the Statement of Charges mailed on February 9, 2017 for the fourth quarter of 2016. The appeal was not filed until May 22, 2017. The employer has not presented a good cause reason for its failure to appeal prior to that date. The delay was not due to any agency error or misinformation or delay or other action of the United States Postal Service pursuant to Iowa Admin. Code r. 871-24.35(2).

**DECISION:**

The February 9, 2017, Statement of Charges is affirmed. The employer did not file a timely appeal from the fourth quarter 2016 Statement of Charges. The charges shall remain in full force and effect.

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Stephanie R. Callahan  
Administrative Law Judge

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