

**BEFORE THE
EMPLOYMENT APPEAL BOARD
Lucas State Office Building
Fourth floor
Des Moines, Iowa 50319**

TIM J SIMON

Claimant,

and

L A LEASING INC

Employer.

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HEARING NUMBER: 11B-UI-02508

**EMPLOYMENT APPEAL BOARD
DECISION**

SECTION: 10A.601 Employment Appeal Board Review

D E C I S I O N

FINDINGS OF FACT:

The notice of hearing in this matter was mailed March 10, 2011. The notice set a hearing for March 28, 2011. The claimant did not appear for or participate in the hearing. The reason the claimant did not appear is because the claimant got a new job and requested a postponement of the hearing. He was told by a Workforce employee that the administrative law judge would be getting by to him with a response, which did not happen. The claimant did not know the hearing was taking place.

REASONING AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW:

Iowa Code section 10A.601(4) (2009) provides:

4. Appeal board review. The appeal board may on its own motion affirm, modify, or set aside any decision of a administrative law judge on the basis of the evidence previously submitted in such case, or direct the taking of additional evidence, or may permit any of the parties to such decision to initiate further appeals before it. The appeal board shall permit such further appeal by any of the parties interested in a decision of an administrative law judge and by the representative whose decision has been overruled or modified by the administrative law judge. The appeal board shall review the case pursuant to rules adopted by the appeal board. The appeal board shall promptly notify the interested parties of its findings and decision.

Here the claimant did not participate in the hearing through no fault of the claimant. The claimant attempted to follow through with his appeal by requesting a postponement. He reasonably believed that the administrative law judge would contact him for a new date as was told to him by the agency. He was never contacted for a new date, and reasonably believed that there was not hearing on the date originally scheduled. Having established good cause for his nonparticipation, the Board shall remand this matter for another hearing before an administrative law judge.

DECISION:

The decision of the administrative law judge dated March 29, 2011 is not vacated. This matter is remanded to an administrative law judge in the Workforce Development Center, Appeals Section. The administrative law judge shall conduct a hearing following due notice. After the hearing, the administrative law judge shall issue a decision which provides the parties appeal rights.

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