

**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: 05A-UI-02043-BT
OC: 12/19/04 R: 03
Claimant: Appellant (1)**

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1. The name, address and social security number of the claimant.
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3. 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 for Work

STATEMENT OF THE CASE:

Elizabeth Stevens (claimant) appealed an unemployment insurance decision dated February 18, 2005, reference 02, which held that she was not eligible for unemployment insurance benefits because she is still employed at the same hours and wages as in her original contract of hire with Team Staffing Solutions, Inc. (employer). After hearing notices were mailed to the parties' last-known addresses of record, a telephone hearing was held on March 15, 2005. The claimant participated in the hearing. The employer participated through Mick Black, Manager of Human Resources and Bill Ramsey, Claims Specialist, was present but offered no testimony.

FINDINGS OF FACT:

The administrative law judge, having heard the testimony and considered all of the evidence in the record, finds that: The claimant was hired with this temporary employment firm on November 8, 2004. She was assigned a job as a full-time general laborer in a food manufacturing company and continues to be employed in that same capacity with no change in her hours or wages.

REASONING AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW:

The issue to be determined is whether the claimant is still employed with the employer for the same hours and wages as contemplated in the original contract of hire.

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".

871 IAC 24.23(26) provides:

Availability disqualifications. The following are reasons for a claimant being disqualified for being unavailable for work.

(26) Where a claimant is still employed in a part-time job at the same hours and wages as contemplated in the original contract for hire and is not working on a reduced workweek basis different from the contract for hire, such claimant cannot be considered partially unemployed.

The claimant is still employed with the employer at the same hours and wages as in her original contract of hire. Since there has been no separation from employment, benefits are denied.

DECISION:

The unemployment insurance decision dated February 18, 2005, reference 02, is affirmed. There has been no separation from employment and benefits are denied.

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