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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
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FINAL DECISION

OAL DKT. NO. HPW 6874-14 C.A.

AGENCY DKT. NO. C240584 (HUDSON COUNTY DEPT OF FAM SVCS)

Petitioner appeals from the Respondent Agency's termination of Emergency Assistance in the form of Temporary Rental Assistance ("EA/TRA"). Petitioner's EA was terminated by the Agency because he voluntarily quit his employment. Petitioner receives Work First New Jersey/ Temporary Assistance for Needy Families ("WFNJ/TANF").

Because Petitioner appealed, the matter was transmitted to the Office of Administrative Law for a hearing. On July 29, 2014, the Honorable Caridad F. Rigo, Administrative Law Judge ("ALJ"), held a plenary hearing, took testimony, and admitted documents. The record was closed on July 29, 2014. On August 8, 2014, the ALJ issued her Initial Decision affirming the Agency determination.

No exceptions were filed to the Initial Decision.

As the Director of the Division of Family Development, Department of Human Services, I have considered the record for this matter and the ALJ's Initial Decision, and having made an independent evaluation of the record, I accept and adopt the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law as contained in the Initial Decision.

N.J.A.C. 10:90-6.1(c)3 states that EA shall not be provided to a WFNJ applicant when an actual or imminent state of homelessness exists as a direct result of the voluntary cessation of employment without good cause by the adult household member. See N.J.A.C. 10:90-4.11. Here, the ALJ found that Petitioner left his

employment voluntarily and without good cause. N.J.A.C. 10:90-6.1(c)3 further provides that EA shall not be provided for a period of six months where it has been determined that an applicant has voluntarily left his employment without good cause. I conclude that Petitioner's EA has been properly terminated and that he is subject to six month penalty commencing in June 2014 during which period he is ineligible for receipt of EA.

Accordingly, the Initial Decision in the action is hereby ADOPTED and the Agency action is AFFIRMED.

SEP 29 2014

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