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Introduction and Procedural History of this Appeal

The employer appeals a decision by a review examiner of the Department of Unemployment Assistance (DUA) to award the claimant benefits following her separation from employment on February 19, 2025. We review, pursuant to our authority under G.L. c. 151A, § 41, and affirm.

On July 29, 2025, the agency initially determined that the claimant was entitled to unemployment benefits. The employer appealed, and both parties attended the hearing. In a decision rendered on September 2, 2025, the review examiner affirmed the agency determination, concluding that the claimant involuntarily left employment for urgent, compelling, and necessitous reasons and, thus, was not disqualified under G.L. c. 151A, § 25(e). The Board accepted the employer's application for review.

Ruling of the Board

After considering the recorded testimony and evidence from the hearing, the review examiner's decision, and the employer's appeal, we conclude that the review examiner's decision is based on substantial evidence and is free from any error of law affecting substantive rights. However, pursuant to G.L. c. 151A, § 14(d)(3), benefits paid as a result of this separation will not be charged to the employer's account but will be charged to the solvency account.

The review examiner's decision is affirmed. The claimant is entitled to receive benefits for the week beginning February 16, 2025, and for subsequent weeks if otherwise eligible.

BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS
DATE OF DECISION - October 20, 2025



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STATE DISTRICT COURT
(See Section 42, Chapter 151A, General Laws, Enclosed)

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