

MWG Plastering Contractors, LLC, Petitioner,

STATE OF NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

v.

New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Respondent.

FINAL ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION OF THE COMMISSIONER

OAL DKT. NO LID 11880-24 AGENCY DKT. NO. DOL-24-010

Issued: April 7, 2025

The appeal of MWG Plastering Contractors, LLC (MWG) concerning an unemployment and temporary disability contributions assessment was transmitted to the Office of Administrative Law for determination as a contested case. The record indicates that the matter was scheduled for a telephone pre-hearing on November 7, 2024, and two subsequent status conferences on January 8, 2025, and on January 31, 2025, respectively, all three of which were before Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) Joan M. Burke. The record also reflects that the petitioner did not appear at either the telephone pre-hearing or the two status conferences and has not offered any explanation for its failure to appear. Thus, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 1:1-3.3(b), the ALJ returned the matter to the Department of Labor and Workforce Development for appropriate disposition.

A review of the Department of Labor and Workforce Development's records indicates that the petitioner has, to date, failed to offer any explanation for its failure to appear at the scheduled telephone pre-hearing and two subsequent status conferences. As a result, I find that the appeal of this matter should be dismissed.

<u>ORDER</u>

Therefore, it is ordered that MWG's appeal be dismissed and that MWG immediately remit to the Department the entire amount assessed for unpaid unemployment and temporary disability contributions for the years 2017 through 2021 totaling \$22,485.72, along with applicable interest and penalties.

This is the final administrative determination in this matter. Any further review should be pursued in a judicial forum.

DECISION RENDERED BY THE COMMISSIONER, DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

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Robert Asaro-Angelo, Commissioner Department of Labor and Workforce Development

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