The appeal of JLA Floor Contractors, Inc. (JLA) concerning an unemployment and temporary disability contributions assessment was transmitted to the Office of Administrative Law (OAL) for determination as a contested case. The record indicates that the matter was scheduled for a hearing on April 19, 2017 before Administrative Law Judge Gail M. Cookson (ALJ). The record also reflects that the petitioner did not appear at the hearing and has not offered any explanation for his non-appearance. 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 petitioner has, to date, failed to offer any explanation for his failure to appear at the scheduled OAL hearing. As a result, I find that the appeal of this matter should be dismissed.

ORDER

Therefore, it is ordered that JLA’s appeal be dismissed and that JLA immediately remit to the Department the entire amount assessed for unpaid unemployment and
temporary disability contributions for the years 2008 through 2011 totaling $59,405.66, 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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