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You are hereby notified that the Court has entered the following opinion and order:

2015AP2463 Amy Lynn Mattson v. LIRC (L.C. # 2015CV81)

Before Neubauer, C.J., Reilly, P.J., and Hagedorn, J.

Amy Lynn Mattson appeals pro se from a circuit court order affirming a decision of the Labor and Industry Review Commission (LIRC) that she is not eligible for unemployment insurance benefits because she voluntarily terminated her employment with Aurora Medical Center Grafton. Based upon our review of the briefs and record, we conclude at conference that this case is appropriate for summary disposition. WIS. STAT. RULE 809.21 (2013-14).¹ We affirm the order of the circuit court and adopt it as our decision. *See* WIS. CT. APP. IOP VI(5)(a) (Nov. 30, 2009) (court of appeals may adopt circuit court opinion).

¹ All references to the Wisconsin Statutes are to the 2013-14 version.

On appeal, we review LIRC's decision and not the decision of the circuit court. *Pick 'n Save Roundy's v. LIRC*, 2010 WI App 130, ¶8, 329 Wis. 2d 674, 791 N.W.2d 216. We will uphold LIRC's findings of fact so long as they are supported by credible evidence in the record. *See id.*

When reviewing LIRC's conclusions of law, we apply a sliding scale of deference that is contingent upon its level of experience, technical competence, and specialized knowledge. *Klatt v. LIRC*, 2003 WI App 197, ¶11, 266 Wis. 2d 1038, 669 N.W.2d 752. We conclude that great weight deference is appropriate in this case, as LIRC is charged with the duty of administering the statutory provision at issue (WIS. STAT. § 108.04(7)) and has gained significant experience in interpreting and applying it. *Klatt*, 266 Wis. 2d 1038, ¶13.

Here, Mattson disagrees with LIRC's decision and asks this court to hold that she did not voluntarily terminate her employment with Aurora, or, if she did, that she did so for good cause allowing her to receive unemployment insurance benefits. Mattson's contentions were carefully and thoroughly addressed by the circuit court. Accordingly, we hereby adopt and incorporate as our decision the circuit court order entered November 19, 2015.

Upon the foregoing reasons,

IT IS ORDERED that the order of the circuit court is summarily affirmed, pursuant to WIS. STAT. RULE 809.21.

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