

1405.1100 PREHEARING CONFERENCE.

Subpart 1. **Purpose.** The purpose of the prehearing conference is to simplify the issues to be determined, to obtain stipulations to foundation for testimony or exhibits, to discuss schedules for hearings and other procedural events, and to resolve other matters that may be necessary or appropriate. Potential intervenors, and other interested persons, may attend the prehearing conference.

Subp. 2. **Procedure.** Upon the request of any party or upon the judge's own motion, the administrative law judge may, in the judge's discretion, hold a prehearing conference which shall be held at a time, date, and place to be determined by the administrative law judge to best maximize the ability of all interested persons to attend. Notice of any prehearing conference shall be given in the notice of hearing, if possible. Otherwise, notice shall be given pursuant to part 1405.0500, subpart 2. The administrative law judge may require the parties to file a prehearing statement prior to the prehearing conference which shall contain such items as the administrative law judge deems necessary to promote a useful prehearing conference. A prehearing conference shall be an informal proceeding conducted expeditiously by the administrative law judge. Agreements on the simplification of issues, amendments, stipulations, or other matters may be entered on the record or may be made the subject of an order by the administrative law judge.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 116C.66; 216E.16*

History: *L 1984 c 640 s 32; 17 SR 1279*

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