

**5500.0800 APPEARING BEFORE COMMISSION.**

Subpart 1. **Party directly affected by dispute.** A party to or affected by a dispute may appear before the commission in person or through an attorney or a representative. A party is entitled to offer competent evidence and to be heard on the issues at any commission hearing.

Subp. 2. **Party indirectly involved in dispute.**

A. A party not directly involved in a dispute desiring to appear and have the same rights before the commission as parties directly involved must file a petition in writing with the commission setting forth the grounds upon which the party claims to be interested.

B. The commission must rule on all petitions filed under item A, and the parties to the dispute may present arguments and be heard on the question of permitting an appearance under this subpart. The commission must permit an appearance in person, by attorney, or by a representative to the extent and under terms as the commission determines necessary to help resolve the dispute and issue its report under Minnesota Statutes, section 179.07.

**Statutory Authority:** *MS s 179.02; 179.71; 179.82; 179A.04; 179A.16; 626.892*

**History:** *L 1987 c 186 s 15; 46 SR 1387*

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