

**5500.1100 HEARINGS.**

Subpart 1. **Conduct.** All hearings by the commission shall be open to the public. It shall be the duty of the commission conducting the hearing to inquire fully into the facts in dispute, to call, examine, and cross-examine witnesses, and to require the production of such documentary or other evidence as it may deem necessary to fully acquaint it with all the facts relating to the dispute.

Subp. 2. **Transcripts.** A stenographic record of the hearing shall be kept by the commissioner on the written request of any of the parties of interest to the proceeding, or by the commission.

Subp. 3. **Testimony and evidence.** Any party in interest to the proceeding shall have the right to appear at such hearing in person, by counsel, or representative and to call, examine, and cross-examine witnesses and to introduce into evidence such documentary or other evidence as the commission may deem admissible. In such proceeding the parties thereto shall be permitted to introduce only competent evidence, as defined in Minnesota Statutes, section 179.01, subdivision 12.

Subp. 4. **Stipulations.** At any such hearing the parties to the dispute may enter into stipulation of fact which shall have the same weight as though evidence has been adduced to prove the same.

Subp. 5. **Evidentiary objections.** Any objection with respect to the conduct of the hearing, including any objection to the introduction of evidence, shall be stated orally, together with a statement of the grounds of such objection, and included in the stenographic report of the hearing, if one is kept. No objection shall be deemed waived by further participation in the hearing.

Subp. 6. **Adjournment.** The commission may adjourn the hearing from day to day or from time to time and from place to place as it may deem proper upon appropriate notice thereof to the parties to said proceeding.

Subp. 7. **At close of evidence.** At the close of the hearing the parties to the proceeding shall be entitled to submit the matter on either oral or written arguments as the commission may determine. When permission for oral argument is granted, the commission shall fix the length thereof, and such argument shall not be included in the record of the hearing unless it is so directed by the commission. If the matter is submitted on written argument, the commission shall fix the time for the filing thereof by the respective parties to the proceeding.

Subp. 8. **Disregarding testimony.** All or any part of the testimony of any witness may be disregarded by the commission, if said witness shall refuse to answer any question which the commission has ruled to be a proper one.

Subp. 9. **Record.** The record in the proceedings shall consist of the order appointing the commission, the notice of hearing, proof of service of such notice upon the parties to the proceedings, the objections of any person to the proceedings, the rulings thereon, all motions, stipulations between the parties, exhibits, documentary evidence, depositions, the stenographic notes or record if kept, and the report of the commission.

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