

7315.1900 CONSOLIDATION.

Subpart 1. **Basis.** The board may consolidate cases either on its own motion or on motion of any party if it determines that:

- A. separate grievances present substantially the same issues;
- B. a decision in one case would affect the rights of a party in another case; and
- C. consolidation would not substantially prejudice any party.

Subp. 2. **Stipulation.** Notwithstanding the requirements of subpart 1, the parties may stipulate and agree to consolidation subject to board approval.

Subp. 3. **Order.** The board must serve on all parties the order of consolidation.

Subp. 4. **Severance from consolidation.** Within seven calendar days of receipt of the order of consolidation, a party may file with the board a petition for severance from consolidation which must include the reasons why the requirements of subpart 1 are not met.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 14.06; 179A.05; 179A.25*

History: *8 SR 293; 15 SR 2107*

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