

**17A.10 Informal settlements — waiver.**

1. Unless precluded by statute, informal settlements of controversies that may culminate in contested case proceedings according to the provisions of [this chapter](#) are encouraged. Agencies shall prescribe by rule specific procedures for attempting such informal settlements prior to the commencement of contested case proceedings. [This subsection](#) shall not be construed to require either party to such a controversy to utilize the informal procedures or to settle the controversy pursuant to those informal procedures.

2. The parties to a contested case proceeding may, by written stipulation representing an informed mutual consent, waive any provision of [this chapter](#) relating to such proceedings. In addition to consenting to such a waiver in individual cases, an agency may, by rule, express its consent to such a waiver as to an entire class of cases.

[C75, 77, 79, 81, §17A.10]  
Referred to in [§17A.9](#), [§123.37](#), [§421.17](#)