

**11—5.4(17A) Department consideration.**

**5.4(1)** Upon request by petitioner in the petition, the department must schedule a brief and informal meeting between the petitioner and the department to discuss the petition. The department may request the petitioner to submit additional information or argument concerning the petition. The department may also solicit comments from any person on the substance of the petition. Also, comments on the substance of the petition may be submitted to the department by any person.

**5.4(2)** Within 60 days after the filing of the petition, or within any longer period agreed to by the petitioner, the department must, in writing, deny the petition, and notify petitioner of its action and the specific grounds for the denial, or grant the petition and notify petitioner that it has instituted rule-making proceedings on the subject of the petition. The petitioner shall be deemed notified of the denial or grant of the petition on the date when the department mails or delivers the required notification to the petitioner.

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