

129—6.16(8B,17A) Subpoenas.

6.16(1) Subpoenas issued in a contested case may compel the attendance of witnesses at deposition or hearing and may compel the production of books, papers, records, and other real evidence. A command to produce evidence or to permit inspection may be joined with a command to appear at deposition or hearing, or each command may be issued separately. Upon written request that complies with this rule, subpoenas shall be issued either by the division when a matter has been assigned to the division for hearing or by the office when a matter has not been assigned to the division for hearing. The request may be made in person or by mail or electronic mail. A request for a subpoena must be received by the division or the office, whichever is applicable, at least seven calendar days before the scheduled hearing, or the subpoena will not be issued.

6.16(2) A request for a subpoena shall include the following information, as applicable:

- a. The name, address, e-mail address, and telephone number of the person requesting the subpoena;
- b. The name and address of the person to whom the subpoena shall be directed;
- c. The date and time and location at which the person shall be commanded to attend and give testimony;
- d. Whether the testimony is requested in connection with a deposition or hearing;
- e. A description of the books, papers, records or other real evidence requested; and
- f. The date, time and location for production, or inspection and copying.

6.16(3) Each subpoena shall contain, as applicable:

- a. The caption of the case;
- b. The name, address and telephone number of the person who requested the subpoena;
- c. The name and address of the person to whom the subpoena is directed;
- d. The date and time and location at which the person is commanded to appear;
- e. Whether the testimony is commanded in connection with a deposition or hearing;
- f. A description of the books, papers, records or other real evidence the person is commanded to produce;
- g. The date, time and location for production, or inspection and copying;
- h. The time within which a motion to quash or modify the subpoena must be filed;
- i. The signature, address and telephone number of the presiding officer or designee;
- j. The date of issuance;
- k. A return of service.

6.16(4) The presiding officer or designee shall mail copies of all subpoenas to the parties to the contested case. The person who requested the subpoena is responsible for serving the subpoena upon the subject of the subpoena. The person who requested the subpoena is responsible for the costs associated with such service, and for the payment of any witness fees and mileage expenses in connection with execution of the subpoena. If a subpoena is requested to compel testimony or documents for rebuttal or impeachment at hearing, the person requesting the subpoena shall so state in the request and may ask that copies of the subpoena not be mailed to the parties in the contested case.

6.16(5) Any person who is aggrieved or adversely affected by compliance with the subpoena, or any party to the contested case who desires to challenge the subpoena, must within 14 days after service of the subpoena, or before the time specified for compliance if such time is less than 14 days, file with the division or office, whichever is applicable, a motion to quash or modify the subpoena. The motion shall describe the legal reasons why the subpoena should be quashed or modified, and may be accompanied by legal briefs or factual affidavits. However, if a subpoena solely requests the production of books, papers, records, or other real evidence and does not also seek to compel testimony, the person who is aggrieved or adversely affected by compliance with the subpoena may alternatively serve written objection on the requesting party before the earlier of the date specified for compliance or 14 days after the subpoena is served. The serving party may then move the presiding officer to issue an order compelling production.

6.16(6) Upon receipt of a timely motion to quash or modify a subpoena or motion to compel production, the presiding officer may issue a decision. The presiding officer may quash or modify the subpoena, deny or grant the motion, or issue an appropriate protective order. Prior to ruling on the motion, the presiding officer may schedule oral argument or hearing by telephone or in person.

6.16(7) A person who is aggrieved by a ruling of a presiding officer and desires to challenge the ruling must appeal the ruling to the office in accordance with the procedure applicable to intra-agency appeals of proposed decisions set forth in rules 129—6.27(8B,17A) and 129—6.29(8B,17A), provided that all of the time frames are reduced by one-half.

6.16(8) If the person contesting the subpoena is not a party to the contested case proceeding, the presiding officer's decision is final for purposes of judicial review. If the person contesting the subpoena is a party to the contested case proceeding, the presiding officer's decision is not final for purposes of judicial review until there is a final decision in the contested case.

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