

199—7.15(17A,476) Discovery.

7.15(1) Discovery procedures applicable in civil actions are available to parties in contested cases.

7.15(2) Unless otherwise ordered by the commission or presiding officer or agreed to by the parties, data requests or interrogatories served by any party shall either be responded to or objected to, with concisely stated grounds for relief, within seven business days of receipt. When a provision of law directs the commission to issue a decision in the case in six months or less, this time is reduced to five days. Data requests or interrogatories served on a day the commission is closed or after 4:30 p.m. central time on a day the commission is open are considered served on the next business day.

7.15(3) Unless otherwise ordered by the commission or presiding officer, time periods for compliance with all forms of discovery other than those stated in subrule 7.15(2) are the same as those provided in the Iowa Rules of Civil Procedure.

7.15(4) A party shall make a good faith effort to resolve a discovery dispute by personally speaking with or attempting to speak with the opposing party before filing a discovery motion with the commission. A motion relating to discovery must set forth the date and time the moving party spoke with or attempted to speak with the opposing party in a good faith attempt to resolve the dispute.

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