

**481—16.4(10A) Electronic filing not mandatory.**

**16.4(1)** *Electronic filing not mandatory.* Registration and filing through AEDMS, although encouraged, is not mandatory, and the division shall still accept the traditional filing of paper or other electronic documents as set forth in 481—paragraph 10.12(3)“a.”

**16.4(2)** *What constitutes filing.* The electronic transmission of a document to AEDMS consistent with the procedures specified in these rules, together with the production and transmission of a notice of electronic filing, constitutes filing of the document.

**16.4(3)** *Electronic file stamp.* Documents filed through AEDMS are officially filed when affixed with an electronic file stamp. Filings so endorsed shall have the same force and effect as documents time-stamped in a nonelectronic manner.

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