

**495—30.4(17A) Agency consideration.**

**30.4(1)** The agency may request the petitioner to submit additional information or argument concerning the petition. The agency 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 agency by any person. Upon request by petitioner in the petition, the agency must schedule a brief and informal meeting between the petitioner and the agency to discuss the petition.

Copies of the petition and accompanying information shall be submitted by the agency to the administrative rules coordinator and to the administrative rules review committee at the conclusion of the petition review.

**30.4(2)** Within 60 days after the filing of the petition, or within any longer period agreed to by the petitioner, the agency 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 rule-making proceedings on the subject of the petition have begun. The petitioner shall be deemed notified of the denial or the granting of the petition on the date of notification or mailing by the agency to the petitioner.

**30.4(3)** Denial of a petition because it does not substantially conform to the required form does not preclude the filing of a new petition on the same subject that seeks to eliminate the grounds for the agency's rejection of the petition.