

531—5.10(17A) Consolidation and severance.

5.10(1) *Consolidation.* The presiding officer may consolidate any or all matters at issue in two or more contested case proceedings where: (a) the matters at issue involve common parties or common questions of fact or law; (b) consolidation would expedite and simplify consideration of the issues involved; and (c) consolidation would not adversely affect the rights of any of the parties to those proceedings.

5.10(2) *Severance.* The presiding officer may, for good cause shown, order any contested case proceedings or portions thereof severed.