

561—7.10(17A,455A) Consolidation and severance.

7.10(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.

7.10(2) *Severance.* The presiding officer may, for good cause shown, order any contested case proceeding or a portion thereof severed.