

561—7.2(17A,455A) Definitions. When used in this chapter:

“*Agency*” means the commission or the director, as appropriate, having statutory jurisdiction over a particular contested case.

“*Commission*” means the natural resource commission or the environmental protection commission, as designated in Iowa Code chapter 455A as having appellate jurisdiction over a particular matter.

“*Contested case*” means a proceeding defined by Iowa Code section 17A.2(5) and includes any matter defined as a no factual dispute contested case under Iowa Code section 17A.10A.

“*Department*” means the department of natural resources.

“*Director*” means the director of the department or an authorized representative.

“*Party*” means a person named and admitted as a party.

“*Presiding officer*” means an administrative law judge employed by the department of inspections and appeals or the agency, as provided in rule 561—7.7(17A,455A).

“*Proposed decision*” means the presiding officer’s recommended findings of fact, conclusions of law, decision, and order in a contested case in which the agency did not preside.