

605—10.15 (3A) Administrative hearings and appeals.

10.15(1) E911 program manager decisions regarding the acceptance or refusal of an E911 service plan, in whole or in part, the implementation of E911 and the imposition of the E911 surcharge within a specific E911 service area may be contested by an affected party.

10.15(2) Request for a hearing shall be made in writing to the state homeland security and emergency management division chief of staff within 30 days of the E911 program manager's mailing or serving a decision and shall state the reason(s) for the request and shall be signed by the appropriate authority.

10.15(3) The chief of staff shall schedule a hearing within 10 working days of receipt of the request for hearing. The chief of staff shall preside over the hearing, at which time the appellant may present any evidence, documentation, or other information regarding the matter in dispute.

10.15(4) The chief of staff shall issue a ruling regarding the matter within 20 working days of the hearing.

10.15(5) Any party adversely affected by the chief of staff's ruling may file a written request for a rehearing within 20 days of issuance of the ruling. A rehearing will be conducted only when additional evidence is available, the evidence is material to the case, and good cause existed for the failure to present the evidence at the initial hearing. The chief of staff will schedule a hearing within 20 days after the receipt of the written request. The chief of staff shall issue a ruling regarding the matter within 20 working days of the hearing.

10.15(6) Any party adversely affected by the chief of staff's ruling may file a written appeal to the administrator of the homeland security and emergency management division. The appeal request shall contain information identifying the appealing party, the ruling being appealed, specific findings or conclusions to which exception is taken, the relief sought, and the grounds for relief. The administrator shall issue a ruling regarding the matter within 90 days of the hearing. The administrator's ruling constitutes final agency action for purposes of judicial review.

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