

**621—4.1(20) General procedures.**

**4.1(1) *Separate or combined petitions.*** Request for bargaining unit determination and bargaining representative determination shall be by petitions which may be filed separately. Where a request has been made to a public employer to bargain collectively with a designated group of public employees and the board has not previously determined the bargaining unit, the petitions shall be filed jointly or on a combined form provided by the board.

**4.1(2) *Intervention and additional parties.*** See rule 2.4(20).

**4.1(3) *Withdrawal of petitions.*** Petitions may be withdrawn only with the consent of the board. Petitions withdrawn after the commencement of a hearing, or withdrawn after direction of an election where no hearing was conducted, may not be refiled by the withdrawing party for a period of six months following the board order permitting withdrawal.