

**621—6.1(20) Scope of negotiations.** The scope of negotiations shall be as provided in section nine of the Act. Either party may introduce other matters for negotiation, and negotiation on these matters may continue until resolved by mutual agreement of the parties or until negotiations reach the fact-finding or arbitration stage of impasse; provided, however, that no party may be required to negotiate on nonmandatory subjects of bargaining. Unresolved other matters shall be excluded from the fact-finding or arbitration processes unless submission has been mutually agreed upon by the parties. The agreement is applicable only to negotiations toward the collective bargaining agreement then sought and is not binding upon the parties for future negotiations.