

**199—42.17(17A,476) Complaints and petitions for relief—general information.** These rules are promulgated under Iowa Code chapter 17A and Iowa Code section 476.27 as guides for procedures when railroads or public utilities file with the board complaints regarding crossings pursuant to Iowa Code section 476.27(2)“a”(9) or petitions for relief pursuant to Iowa Code section 476.27(4). The purpose of these rules is to facilitate the transaction of business before the board and to promote the just resolution of controversies. Consistent with this purpose, any of these rules, unless otherwise provided by law, may be waived by the board or its designated presiding officer pursuant to rule 199—1.3(17A,474,476,78GA,HF2206). The board recognizes that the parties will ordinarily require expedited procedures and a swift decision. Therefore, any procedural rules in 199—Chapter 7 that are in conflict with these rules do not apply to contested cases under this chapter.