

**61—17.25(654A,654B) Expedited procedure.** Any party may, by filing a written request with the director, request that the time frames for mediation be expedited. The written request shall be served on all other parties to the mediation by certified mail. Upon receipt of the written request, the director shall notify all other parties to the mediation meeting of the request and provide an opportunity for response. The opportunity to respond is limited to three days and the director shall evaluate all materials submitted concerning the request and decide whether the proceedings should be expedited within three days of the response. The burden to show irreparable harm unless the proceedings are expedited rests with the party requesting that the proceedings be expedited. If all parties agree, or if upon review of the written request and other information the director finds that the party filing the written request will suffer irreparable harm unless mediation is expedited, the director shall expedite the time frames for mediation. The director shall serve by certified mail a notification of the expedited mediation schedule within 48 hours of that decision.