

**875—1.69(17A) Notice of hearing.**

**1.69(1) Delivery.** Delivery of the notice of hearing constitutes the commencement of the contested case proceeding. Delivery may be executed by:

- a. Personal service as provided in the Iowa Rules of Civil Procedure;
- b. Certified mail, return receipt requested;
- c. First-class mail;
- d. Publication, as provided in the Iowa Rules of Civil Procedure; or
- e. If requested, by facsimile, or electronic transmission.

**1.69(2) Contents.** The notice of hearing shall contain the following information:

- a. A statement of the time, place, and nature of the hearing;
- b. A statement of the legal authority and jurisdiction under which the hearing is to be held;
- c. A reference to the particular sections of the statutes and rules involved;
- d. A short and plain statement of the matters asserted. If the division or other party is unable to state the matters in detail at the time the notice is served, the initial notice may be limited to a statement of the issues involved. Thereafter, upon application, a more definite and detailed statement shall be furnished;

- e. Identification of all parties including the name, address and telephone number of the person who will act as attorney for the commissioner or division and of parties' counsel where known;

- f. Reference to the procedural rules governing conduct of the contested case proceeding;

- g. Reference to the procedural rules governing informal settlement. The parties are encouraged to meet informally to resolve issues that might culminate in a resolution of issues in the contested case;

- h. Identification of the presiding officer, if known. If not known, a description of who will serve as presiding officer;

- i. A statement that a party, at its own expense, may be represented by counsel in the contested case; and

- j. Notification of the time period in which a party may request, pursuant to 1998 Iowa Acts, chapter 1202, section 15(1), and rule 1.70(17A), that the presiding officer be an administrative law judge.