

**191—3.2(17A) Definitions.** Except where otherwise specifically defined by law or the context otherwise requires:

“*Commissioner*” means the commissioner of insurance or the commissioner’s designee.

“*Contested case*” means a proceeding defined by Iowa Code section 17A.2(5), and includes any matter defined as a no factual dispute contested case under 1998 Iowa Acts, chapter 1202, section 14.

“*Issuance*” means the date of mailing of a decision or order or date of delivery if service is by other means unless another date is specified in the order.

“*License*” means the whole or a part of any permit, certificate, approval, registration, charter or similar form of permission required by statute.

“*Party*” means each person or agency named or admitted as a party or properly seeking and entitled as of right to be admitted as a party.

“*Presiding officer*” means the commissioner, the commissioner’s designee or an administrative law judge from the department of inspections and appeals.

“*Proposed decision*” means the administrative law judge’s recommended findings of fact, conclusions of law, decision, and order in a contested case in which the commissioner did not preside.