

**199—7.14(17A,476) Consolidation and severance.**

**7.14(1) Consolidation.** The board or presiding officer may consolidate any or all matters at issue in two or more contested cases. When deciding whether to consolidate, the board or presiding officer shall consider:

- a.* Whether the matters at issue involve common parties or common questions of fact or law;
- b.* Whether consolidation is likely to expedite or simplify consideration of the issues involved;
- c.* Whether consolidation would adversely affect the substantial rights of any of the parties to the proceedings; and
- d.* Any other relevant factors.

**7.14(2) Severance.** The board or presiding officer may order any contested case or portions thereof severed for good cause.