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561—7.2(17A,455A) Definitions. When used in this chapter:

"Agency" means the commission or the director, as appropriate, having statutory jurisdiction over a particular contested case.

"Commission" means the natural resource commission or the environmental protection commission, as designated in Iowa Code chapter 455A as having appellate jurisdiction over a particular matter.

"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 Iowa Code section 17A.10A.

"Department" means the department of natural resources.

"Director" means the director of the department or an authorized representative.

"Party" means a person named and admitted as a party.

"Presiding officer" means an administrative law judge employed by the department of inspections and appeals or the agency, as provided in rule 561—7.7(17A,455A).

"Proposed decision" means the presiding officer's recommended findings of fact, conclusions of law, decision, and order in a contested case in which the agency did not preside.