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7.10(1) *Consolidation.* The presiding officer may consolidate any or all matters at issue in two or more contested case proceedings where:

- a. The matters at issue involve common parties or common questions of fact or law;
- b. Consolidation would expedite and simplify consideration of the issues involved; and
- c. Consolidation would not adversely affect the rights of any of the parties to those proceedings.
- **7.10(2)** Severance. The presiding officer may, for good cause shown, order any contested case proceedings or portions thereof severed.