681—20.2(17A) Definitions. Except where otherwise specifically defined by law:

"*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.

"*Party*" means each person or the regent institution or board of regents named or admitted as a party or properly seeking and entitled as of right to be admitted as a party.

"*Presiding officer*" means the administrative law judge, the board of regents or subcommittee of the board of regents.

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