

CHAPTER 2
~~**RULES OF PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE APPLICABLE TO**~~
~~**HEARINGS IN CONTESTED CASES**~~
CONTESTED CASE HEARINGS

Section 1. ~~Answer or appearance~~ Purpose and Scope.

~~(a) — The Director or Applicant shall promptly file a responsive pleading to the petition directed to and served upon the opposing party and the Council, not later than five days before the hearing date.~~

These rules are promulgated with the intent to adopt as much of the Chapter 2 Rules for Contested Case Practice and Procedure before the Office of Administrative Hearings (OAH Rules) adopted under W.S. 16-3-102(d) as is consistent with the specific and distinct requirements of the Department and the Council and applicable law. These rules shall govern all contested case proceedings before the Council.

Section 2. ~~Docket~~ Applicability of the Wyoming Rules of Civil Procedure.

~~(formerly Section 2(a)) — When a hearing is instituted, it shall be assigned a number and entered with the date of its filing on a separate page of a docket provided for such purpose. The Council shall establish a separate file for each such docketed case, in which shall be systematically placed all papers, pleadings, documents, transcripts, evidence and exhibits pertaining thereto, and all such items shall have noted thereon the docket number assigned, and the date of filing.~~

~~(Formerly Section 14(a)) The Wyoming Rules of Civil Procedure, insofar as the same may be applicable and not inconsistent with the laws of the state and these rules shall apply to matters before the Council.~~ The Council shall conduct all contested case hearings with reference to the Wyoming Rules of Civil Procedure. Section 26 of this chapter specifically incorporates Rules 11, 12(b)(6), 24, 45, 52, 56, and 56.1 of the Wyoming Rules of Civil Procedure.

Section 3. ~~Motions~~ Informal Proceedings and Alternative Dispute Resolution.

(a) Parties to a contested case are encouraged to resolve the contested case through settlement, mediation, arbitration, or other means throughout the duration of a contested case. If the parties choose to engage in mediation or arbitration, they shall file a joint request for continuance pending outcome of the mediation or arbitration. If the parties choose to engage in informal settlement discussions, they may file a joint request for continuance pending outcome of the informal settlement discussions.

(b) With the consent of all parties, the hearing officer may assign a contested case to a mediating hearing officer on limited assignment for the purpose of nonbinding alternative dispute resolution methods. Such methods shall be conducted in accordance with the procedures prescribed by the mediating hearing officer.

47 (c) Parties shall promptly notify the hearing officer of all settlements, stipulations,
48 agency orders, or other action eliminating the need for a contested case hearing. The hearing
49 officer shall forward such notice to the Council. Upon such notice, the Council shall enter an
50 order dismissing the case.

51 **Section 4. ~~Order of Procedure at Hearings~~ Initiation of Contested Case.**

52 ~~(a) As nearly as possible, hearings shall be conducted in accordance with the~~
53 ~~following order of procedure:~~

54 ~~(i) The presiding officer shall announce that the Council is open to transact~~
55 ~~business and call by docket number and title the case to be heard.~~

56 ~~(ii) The parties will each be allowed an opening statement to briefly explain~~
57 ~~their position to the Council and outline the evidence they propose to offer together with purpose~~
58 ~~thereof.~~

59 ~~(iii) Parties' evidence will be heard. Witnesses may be cross-examined by the~~
60 ~~opposing party or his attorney and by members of the Council and legal counsel for the Council.~~

61 ~~(iv) The presiding officer may offer any evidence necessary on behalf of the~~
62 ~~Council subject to cross-examination.~~

63 ~~(v) The presiding officer may allow, in his discretion, evidence to be offered~~
64 ~~in any order.~~

65 ~~(vi) The Council may allow, after service of copies on all parties of record, the~~
66 ~~direct testimony of a witness to be in writing, either narrative or question and answer form, upon~~
67 ~~the witness being sworn and identifying the written testimony. It may be received into the record~~
68 ~~as if read, in accordance with W.S. 9-4-108. The witness giving such testimony in writing shall~~
69 ~~be subject to cross-examination and such evidence shall be received into the record subject to a~~
70 ~~motion to strike. The written testimony must be served on all other parties in advance to allow a~~
71 ~~reasonable time to prepare cross-examination.~~

72 ~~(vii) Closing arguments of the parties will be made in the manner set by the~~
73 ~~hearing officer.~~

74 ~~(viii) Time for oral argument may be limited by the presiding officer.~~

75 ~~(ix) The presiding officer may recess the hearing as required.~~

76 ~~(x) After all interested parties have been offered the opportunity to be heard,~~
77 ~~the presiding officer shall declare the evidence closed and excuse all witnesses. The evidence~~
78 ~~may be reopened at a later date, for good cause shown, by order of the Council upon motion by a~~
79 ~~party or on the Council's own motion.~~

80 ~~(b) The presiding officer may, at his discretion, require parties to tender written~~

93 ~~briefs and set the time for filing such briefs.~~

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95 ~~(c) — The presiding officer may declare that the matter is taken under advisement and~~
96 ~~that the decision and order of the Council will be announced at a later date.~~

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98 ~~(d) — The Council may, at its discretion, appoint a presiding officer, who will then~~
99 ~~preside during the course of such hearing.~~

100 ~~(i) — The presiding officer shall, for purposes of that hearing, have all~~
101 ~~necessary powers normally vested in the Chairman.~~

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103 (a) All persons requesting a contested case hearing or protesting a permit shall file
104 the original written petition with the Council and serve additional copies to the Director of the
105 Department and any other parties.

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107 (i) A person initiating a contested case shall serve the petition by registered
108 mail, return receipt requested. Thereafter, all service shall be proved in accordance with the
109 Wyoming Rules of Civil Procedure.

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111 (ii) Where a person is objecting to a permit, service of all documents shall
112 include the permit applicant when serving the petition and all other pleadings and motions.

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114 (b) The petition for hearing shall set forth:

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116 (i) Name, phone number, electronic mail address, and physical address of the
117 petitioner and, if applicable, the petitioner's attorney;

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119 (ii) The action, decision, order, or permit upon which a hearing is requested;

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121 (iii) A statement in ordinary but concise language of the specific allegations on
122 which the petition is based, including references to the statute, rule, or order that the petitioner
123 alleges has been violated, and

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125 (iv) A request for hearing before the Council.

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127 (c) The contested case shall be deemed commenced on the date of filing the petition
128 with the Council.

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130 (d) No responsive pleadings are mandatory prior to the prehearing scheduling
131 conference.

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133 **Section 5. ~~Witnesses at Hearings to be Sworn~~ Filing and Service of Papers**

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135 ~~(a) — All persons testifying at any hearing before the Council shall stand and be~~
136 ~~administered the following oath or affirmation by the presiding officer:~~

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138 ~~“Do you swear (or affirm) to tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth in-~~

139 ~~the matter now before the Council, so help you God?~~²²

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141 ~~(i) No testimony will be received from a witness except under oath or affirmation.~~

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143 (a) In all contested case proceedings, the parties shall file all original documents,
144 pleadings, and motions with the Council and serve all other parties with true and correct copies
145 of the particular document, pleading, or motion. The original and all copies shall be accompanied
146 by a certificate of service. The Council shall maintain the complete original file, and all parties
147 and the hearing officer shall be provided copies of all contested case documents, pleadings, and
148 motions contained therein.

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150 (b) Filing and service under this rule shall be made by hand delivery, U.S. mail
151 transmittal to the last known address, or electronically uploaded to the relevant docket at
152 <http://wyomingeqc.wyo.gov/>. Where all parties have not consented to receive electronic service,
153 the party electronically filing shall otherwise serve the documents to the parties who have not
154 consented to receive electronic service. Parties may file by means other than those described in
155 this Section upon approval from the hearing officer.

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157 **Section 6. ~~Appearance~~ Referral to Office.**

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159 (a) Upon referral to the Office to conduct a contested case in accordance with W.S.
160 35-11-112(a), the Council shall transmit to the Office copies of appropriate documents reflecting
161 the dispute and the basis thereof, including any written challenge(s) initiating the contested case
162 and a reference to applicable law.

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164 (b) The Council shall submit a transmittal sheet, on a form provided by the
165 Office, sufficiently identifying the contested case, including:

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167 (i) The name of the known parties and their attorneys or representatives;

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169 (ii) A concise statement of the nature of the contested case;

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171 (iii) Notification of any time limits for the setting of a hearing or entry of a
172 decision, location requirements, and anticipated special features or unique requirements; and

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174 (iv) Certification by an authorized officer of the Council that all parties have
175 been properly served with a true and complete copy of the transmittal form.

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177 **Section 7. ~~Intervention~~ Designation and Authority of Hearing Officer; Recusal.**

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179 (a) The Chair may refer, assign, or designate a hearing officer to preside over any
180 contested case unless otherwise provided by law. When appropriate under applicable law and at
181 the Council's request, the hearing officer may provide a recommended decision.

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183 (b) At any time while a contested case is pending, a hearing officer or Council
184 member may withdraw from a contested case by filing written notice of recusal or entering a

185 verbal notice of recusal into the record. As soon as the notice of recusal is entered, the recused
186 hearing officer or Council member shall not participate in the contested case.

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188 (c) Upon motion of any party, recusal of a hearing officer or Council member shall be
189 for cause. Whenever the grounds for such motion become known, any party may move for
190 recusal of a hearing officer or Council member on the ground that the hearing officer or Council
191 member:

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193 (i) Has been engaged as counsel in the action prior to being appointed as
194 hearing officer;

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196 (ii) Has a material interest in the outcome of the action;

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198 (iii) Is related by consanguinity to a party;

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200 (iv) Is a witness in the action;

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202 (v) Is biased or prejudiced against the party or the party’s attorney or
203 representative; or

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205 (vi) Any other ground provided by law.

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207 (d) A motion for recusal shall be supported by an affidavit or affidavits of any person
208 or persons stating sufficient facts to show the existence of grounds for the motion. Prior to a
209 hearing on the motion, any party may file counter-affidavits. The motion shall be heard by the
210 hearing officer or, at the discretion of the hearing officer, by another hearing officer. If the
211 motion is granted, the Council Chair shall immediately designate another hearing officer to
212 preside over the contested case or shall excuse the Council member(s).

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214 (e) A hearing officer appointed from outside the Council members shall not be
215 subject to a voir dire examination by any party.

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217 (f) Subject to limitations imposed by the hearing officer, any party may be permitted
218 to conduct a voir dire examination of a Council member.

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220 **Section 8. ~~General Hearing Rules~~ Appearances and Withdrawals.**

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222 ~~(a) — Every party shall be accorded the right to appear and testify in person or by~~
223 ~~counsel or other duly qualified representative. If testifying on behalf of another person or several~~
224 ~~persons, such person shall present to the hearing officer evidence he is a qualified representative~~
225 ~~thereof.~~

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227 ~~(b) — Every person testifying shall, at the Council’s discretion, be qualified prior to~~
228 ~~testifying. Such qualification will include ascertaining the residency, occupation, background,~~
229 ~~education, and expertise of said person.~~

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231 ~~(c) — All parties shall have the right to respond and present evidence and argument on~~
232 ~~all issues involved.~~

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234 ~~(d) — No person shall be required to report, inspect, or perform any investigative act~~
235 ~~except as authorized by law.~~

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237 ~~(e) — All persons required to submit data or evidence shall be either entitled to retain~~
238 ~~the data or evidence or upon payment of a reasonable cost may procure a copy thereof.~~

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240 ~~(f) — All irrelevant, immaterial, or unduly repetitious evidence may be excluded.~~

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242 ~~(g) — Effect to the rules of privilege shall be given as recognized by law. Documentary~~
243 ~~evidence may be received in the form of copies of excerpts, if the original is not available. All~~
244 ~~copies are subject to being compared with the original.~~

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246 ~~(h) — The presiding officer shall:~~

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248 ~~(i) Administer oaths and affirmations.~~

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250 ~~(ii) — Issue subpoenas.~~

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252 ~~(iii) — Rule upon offers of proof and receive relevant evidence.~~

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254 ~~(iv) — Take or cause to be taken depositions.~~

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256 ~~(v) — Preside over the hearing and regulate its proceedings.~~

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258 ~~(vi) — Preside over and set the time for such pre-hearing conferences as he deems~~
259 ~~necessary.~~

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261 ~~(vii) — Dispose of procedural requests. The presiding officer may be assisted by a~~
262 ~~representative of the Attorney General's Office when such assistance is deemed necessary.~~

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264 ~~(viii) — The presiding officer shall officially open and officially close the hearing.~~

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266 ~~(Formerly Section 6(a)) — Appearances and representation of parties shall be made as~~
267 ~~follows:~~

268 ~~—— (Formerly 6(a)(i)) An individual may appear and be heard in his own behalf~~

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270 ~~—— (Formerly 6(a)(ii)) — A co-partnership may appear and be represented by a co-~~
271 ~~partner.~~

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273 ~~—— (Formerly 6(a)(iii)) — A corporation may appear and be represented by a~~
274 ~~corporate officer or a full-time employee of said corporation.~~

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276 ~~—— (Formerly 6(a)(iv)) — A municipal corporation or its Board of Public Utilities~~

277 ~~may appear and be represented by a municipal officer, a member of said Board or a full-time~~
278 ~~employee of said municipality or Board.~~

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280 ~~————(Formerly 6(a)(v))—— An unincorporated association may appear and be~~
281 ~~represented by any bona fide general officer or full-time employee of such association.~~

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283 ~~————(Formerly 6(a)(vi))—— The Department of Environmental Quality may appear and~~
284 ~~be represented by the Director or Administrator of the relative division, or by the Attorney-~~
285 ~~General or his representative.~~

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287 ~~————(Formerly 6(a)(vii))—— Any party to a proceeding may appear and be represented~~
288 ~~therein by an attorney at law who is duly admitted to practice in Wyoming and an active member~~
289 ~~of the Wyoming State Bar. Any attorney who is not duly licensed to practice law in Wyoming~~
290 ~~shall not be entitled to enter his appearance in, prosecute or defend any action or proceeding~~
291 ~~pending before the Council unless he shall have associated with him in such action or proceeding~~
292 ~~an active member of the Wyoming State Bar.~~

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294 (Formerly 6(a)(i-vii)) (a) A party, whether it be an individual, corporation,
295 partnership, governmental organization, or other entity may appear through an attorney or
296 representative. An individual may represent himself/herself. An individual or entity seeking to
297 intervene in a contested case under Rule 24 of the Wyoming Rules of Civil Procedure may
298 appear through an attorney or representative prior to a ruling on the motion to intervene.

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300 ~~(Formerly 6(b))—— Any person appearing in a proceeding before the Council shall~~
301 ~~conform to the recognized standards of ethical conduct.~~

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303 (b) Prior to withdrawing from a contested case, an attorney shall file a motion to
304 withdraw. The motion for an attorney’s withdrawal shall include a statement indicating the
305 manner in which notification was given to the client and setting forth the client’s last known
306 address and telephone number. The hearing officer shall not grant the motion to withdraw unless
307 the attorney has made reasonable efforts to give actual notice to the client that:

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309 (i) The attorney wishes to withdraw;

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311 (ii) The client has the burden of keeping the hearing officer informed of the
312 address where notices, pleadings, or other papers may be served;

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314 (iii) The client has the obligation to prepare, or to hire another attorney or
315 representative to prepare, for the contested case and the dates of proceedings;

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317 (iv) The client may suffer an adverse determination in the contested case if
318 the client fails or refuses to meet these burdens;

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320 (v) The pleadings and papers in the case shall be served upon the client at the
321 client’s last known address; and

323 (vi) The client has the right to object within fifteen (15) days of the date of
324 notice.

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326 (c) Prior to withdrawing from a contested case, a representative shall provide written
327 notice of withdrawal to the Council.

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329 **Section 9. Subpoenas Intervention.**

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331 (Formerly Section 7(a)) (a) Any person interested in obtaining the relief sought by a
332 party or otherwise interested in the determination of a proceeding, ~~relating to~~ other than surface
333 coal mining operations pending before the Council, may ~~petition for leave~~ file a motion for leave
334 to intervene ~~in such proceeding prior to~~ before or at the ~~date of~~ hearing, but not thereafter except
335 for good cause shown. The ~~petition~~ motion shall set forth the grounds of the proposed
336 intervention, the position and interest of the petitioner in the proceeding, and ~~if~~ affirmative relief
337 ~~is~~ sought, ~~the same should conform to the requirements for a formal petition.~~ Leave ~~will~~ shall not
338 be granted unless the Council ~~shall~~ determines that the ~~party requesting to intervene~~ movant is
339 adversely affected by the action and has a legal right to intervene, ~~has a legal right under the~~
340 ~~Environmental Quality Act or the Wyoming Administrative Procedure Act~~ , under the standards
341 set out in W.R.C.P. Rule 24.

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343 (Formerly 7(b)) (b) For proceedings related to surface coal mining operations, any
344 person may ~~petition~~ file a motion for leave to intervene as a full party or ~~, if desired~~ in a limited
345 capacity, at any stage of a proceeding conducted by the Council. The ~~petition~~ motion shall
346 include the basis for intervention and shall be granted to any person who either could have
347 initiated the proceeding or has an interest ~~which that~~ may be adversely affected by the outcome
348 of the proceeding. Regardless of these bases, intervention may be granted whenever appropriate,
349 after ~~consideration of~~ considering the nature of the issues, the adequacy of the existing parties'
350 representation of ~~petitioner's~~ movant's interest, the ability of the ~~petitioner~~ movant to present
351 relevant evidence and argument, and the effect of intervention on the implementation of the
352 Wyoming Environmental Quality Act. The extent and terms of participation by an intervenor in a
353 limited capacity shall be determined by the Council.-

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355 (Formerly 7(c)) (c) If ~~leave~~ the motion to intervene is granted, the ~~petitioner~~ movant
356 becomes an intervenor and a party to the proceeding with the right to have notice, appear at the
357 taking of testimony, produce and cross-examine witnesses, and be heard on the argument of the
358 case. The party intervening shall give notice of intervention to all other parties.

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360 ~~(Formerly 7(d)) — The party intervening must give notice of such intervention to all~~
361 ~~other parties to the appeal.~~

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363 **Section 10. Depositions Ex Parte Communications.**

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365 ~~(a) — In all contested areas coming before the Council, the taking of depositions and~~
366 ~~discovery shall be available to the parties and to the Council on its own motion in accordance~~
367 ~~with the provisions of W.S. 9-4-107(g).~~

369 ~~(b) — The Council, for the purposes of allowing orderly presentation of evidence, may~~
370 ~~govern the conduct of discovery and the time limitations involved.~~

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372 Except as authorized by law, a party or a party's attorney or representative shall not
373 communicate with any Council member in connection with any issue of fact or law concerning
374 any pending contested case, except upon notice and opportunity for all parties to participate.
375 Should ex parte communication occur, the Council member shall advise all parties of the
376 communication as soon as possible thereafter and, if requested, shall allow any party an
377 opportunity to respond prior to ruling on the issue.

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379 **Section 11. ~~Witness Fees~~ Motions and Motion Practice.**

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381 ~~(a) — Witnesses who are summoned before the Council are entitled to the same fees as~~
382 ~~are paid for like service in the District Courts of the State of Wyoming. Such fees shall be paid~~
383 ~~by the party at whose insistence the testimony was taken.~~

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385 ~~(formerly Section 3(a))~~ (a) ~~The Council or presiding officer may, upon reasonable~~
386 ~~notice to all parties, hear orally, or otherwise, any motion filed in connection with hearings under~~
387 ~~these rules.~~ Unless these rules or an order of the hearing officer establish time limitations other
388 than those contained herein, all motions except motions for enlargement of time and motions
389 made during hearing shall be served at least ten (10) days prior to the hearing on the motion. A
390 party affected by the motion may serve a response together with affidavits, if any, at least three
391 (3) days before the hearing on the motion or within twenty (20) days after service of the motion,
392 whichever is earlier. Unless the hearing officer permits service at some other time, the moving
393 party may serve a reply, if any, at least one day prior to the hearing on the motion or within
394 fifteen (15) days after service of the response, whichever is earlier. Unless the hearing officer
395 otherwise orders, any party may serve supplemental memoranda or rebuttal affidavits at least one
396 day prior to the hearing on the motion.

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398 (b) Unless the hearing officer otherwise orders, a request for a hearing on the motion
399 may be served by the moving party or any party affected by the motion within twenty (20) days
400 after service of the motion. The hearing officer may determine such motion without a hearing.

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402 (c) Prior to filing any non-dispositive motion, a moving party shall make reasonable
403 efforts to contact all other parties, representatives, and attorneys. Any such non- dispositive
404 motion shall include a statement concerning efforts made to confer with the other party(s) and
405 position(s) on the motion.

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407 (d) All written motions filed with the Council shall be accompanied by a proposed
408 order.

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410 **Section 12. ~~Decision and Order~~ Setting Hearings and Other Proceedings.**

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412 ~~(a) — The Council shall make a written decision and order in all cases, which decision~~
413 ~~shall contain findings of fact and conclusions of law based exclusively on the record and include~~
414 ~~the vote on the decision. The decision and order of the Council shall be placed in the record of~~

415 ~~the case which shall be retained by the Council.~~

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417 ~~(formerly Section 2(a))~~ (a) ~~—When a hearing is instituted, The hearing officer or Chair~~
418 ~~of the Council, as applicable, it shall be assigned a docket number and entered with the date of its~~
419 ~~filing on a separate page of a docket provided for such purpose to each contested case. The~~
420 ~~Council shall establish a separate file for each such docketed case, in which shall be~~
421 ~~systematically placed all papers, pleadings, documents, transcripts, evidence and exhibits~~
422 ~~pertaining thereto, and all such items shall have noted thereon the docket number assigned, and~~
423 ~~the date of filing. All papers, pleadings, motions, and orders filed thereafter shall contain:~~

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425 (i) A conspicuous reference to the assigned docket number;

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427 (ii) A caption setting forth the title of the contested case and a brief
428 designation describing the document filed; and

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430 (iii) The name, address, telephone number, and signature of the person who
431 prepared the document.

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433 (b) The hearing officer shall set the course of proceedings through the issuance of a
434 scheduling order. This may include, but is not limited to, pre-hearing conferences, confidentiality
435 issues, summary disposition deadlines, motion practice,
436 settlement conferences, and the evidentiary hearing.

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438 (c) Prehearing conferences may be held at the discretion of the hearing officer. Any
439 party may request a prehearing conference to address issues such as discovery, motion deadlines,
440 scheduling orders, or case status.

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442 (d) At the hearing officer’s discretion and unless otherwise provided by the Council,
443 telephone or videoconference calls may be used to conduct any proceeding. At the discretion of
444 the hearing officer, parties or their witnesses may be allowed to participate in any hearing by
445 telephone or videoconference.

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447 **Section 13. Consolidation.**

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449 ~~(a) —The Council may, in its discretion, allow any pleadings to be amended or~~
450 ~~corrected, or any omission therein to be supplied.~~

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452 A party may seek consolidation of two or more contested cases by filing a motion to
453 consolidate in each case sought to be consolidated. If consolidation is ordered and unless
454 otherwise ordered by the hearing officer, all subsequent filings shall be in the case first filed, and
455 all previous filings related to the consolidated cases shall be placed together under that docket
456 number. Consolidation may be ordered on a hearing officer’s own motion.

457
458 **Section 14. ~~Applicability of Rule of Civil Procedure~~ Continuances and Extensions of**
459 **Time.**

461 (a) A motion for a continuance of any scheduled hearing shall be in writing, state the
462 reasons for the motion, and be filed and served on all parties and the hearing officer. A motion
463 for a continuance shall be granted only upon a showing of good cause.

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465 (b) A motion for an extension of time for performing any act prescribed or allowed
466 by these rules or by order of the hearing officer shall be filed and served on all parties and the
467 hearing officer prior to the expiration of the applicable time period. A motion for extension of
468 time shall be granted only upon a showing of good cause.

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470 (c) For contested cases conducted regarding objections pursuant to W.S. 35-11-
471 406(k), a motion for continuance may not be granted if the motion would continue the hearing
472 beyond the 20-day period provided in that statute unless the parties stipulate to a different period.

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474 **Section 15. Discovery.**

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476 (a) The taking of depositions and discovery shall be in accordance with
477 W.S. 16-3-107(g).

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479 (b) Unless the hearing officer orders otherwise, parties shall not file discovery
480 requests, answers, and deposition notices with the Council.

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482 **Section 16. Subpoenas.**

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484 ~~Formerly Section 9(a)) — Subpoenas requiring the attendance of witnesses~~
485 ~~from any place in the State of Wyoming at any designated place of hearing or for the production~~
486 ~~of books, papers, or other documents may be issued by the presiding officer upon written~~
487 ~~application of any party or upon motion of the presiding officer in accordance with the Wyoming~~
488 ~~Rules of Civil Procedure and Administrative Procedure Act.~~

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490 ~~(Formerly Section 9(a)(i)) — Items sought shall be set forth with particularity.~~

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492 ~~(Formerly Section 9(a)(ii)) — All subpoenas shall be served by personal delivery~~
493 ~~or by certified mail return receipt required, to the party served.~~

494 ~~(Formerly Section 9(a)(iii)) Cost of the subpoenas shall be paid by the party requesting~~
495 ~~the service.~~

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497 Any party may request the hearing officer to issue a subpoena to compel the attendance
498 of a witness or for the production of documents. Requests for a subpoena shall be accompanied
499 by a completed subpoena that conforms to Rule 45 of the Wyoming Rules of Civil Procedure.

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501 **Section 17. Summary Disposition.**

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504 Rules 12(b)(6), 52(c), 56.1, and 56, Wyoming Rules of Civil Procedure, apply to
505 contested cases.

507 **Section 18. Prehearing Procedures.**

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509 (a) Unless otherwise ordered by the hearing officer, each party to a contested case
510 shall file and serve on all other parties and the hearing officer a prehearing disclosure statement
511 setting forth:

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513 (i) A complete list of all witnesses who will or may testify, together with
514 information on how that witness may be contacted, and a brief description of the testimony the
515 witness is expected to give in the case. If a deposition is to be offered into evidence, the original
516 shall be filed with the Council;

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518 (ii) A statement of the specific claims, defenses, and issues which the party
519 asserts are before the hearing officer for hearing, based on the party's initial filing;

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521 (iii) A statement of the burden of proof to be assigned in the contested case
522 with reference to specific regulatory, statutory, constitutional, or other authority established by
523 relevant case law;

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525 (iv) A statement of stipulated facts. If the parties are unable to stipulate to
526 facts, the parties shall indicate what efforts have been made to stipulate to facts and the reasons
527 facts cannot be stipulated;

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529 (v) A complete list of all documents, statements, etc., which the party will or
530 may introduce into evidence; and

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532 (vi) An approximation of the time required for the hearing.

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534 (b) Parties shall file and serve prehearing disclosure statements on or before the date
535 established by the hearing officer.

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537 (c) The information provided in a prehearing disclosure statement shall be binding on
538 each party throughout the course of the contested case unless modified for good cause.

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540 (d) Additional witnesses or exhibits may be added only if the need to do so was not
541 reasonably foreseeable at the time of filing of the prehearing disclosure statement, it would not
542 unfairly prejudice other parties, and good cause is shown.

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544 (e) The hearing officer may modify the requirements of a prehearing disclosure
545 statement.

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547 (f) Failure to file a prehearing disclosure statement may result in the hearing
548 officer's striking of witnesses, exhibits, claims and defenses, or dismissal of the contested case.

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550 (g) If a prehearing order is entered, the prehearing order shall control the course of
551 the hearing.

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Section 19. Burden of Proof.

The hearing officer shall assign the burden of proof in accordance with applicable law.

Section 20. Evidence.

(a) The hearing officer shall rule on the admissibility of evidence in accordance with the following:

(i) Evidence of the type commonly relied upon by reasonably prudent persons in the conduct of their serious affairs shall be admissible. Irrelevant, immaterial, or unduly repetitious evidence shall be excluded.

(ii) Evidence may be offered through witness testimony or in documentary form;

(iii) Testimony shall be given under oath administered by the hearing officer. Deposition testimony and other pre-filed testimony may be submitted as evidence, provided the testimony is given under oath administered by an appropriate authority, and is subject to cross-examination by all parties;

(iv) The rules of privilege recognized by Wyoming law shall be given effect; and

(v) A hearing officer may take administrative notice of judicially cognizable facts, provided the parties are properly notified of any material facts noticed.

(b) Each party shall have the opportunity to cross-examine witnesses. The hearing officer may allow cross-examination on matters not covered on direct examination. Each party shall have the opportunity to perform re-direct examination of witnesses on matters covered during cross-examination.

(c) The hearing officer or Council member, when applicable, may ask questions of any party or witness.

Section 21. Contested Case Hearing Procedure.

(a) The hearing officer shall conduct the contested case and shall have discretion to direct the order of the proceedings.

(b) Unless otherwise provided by law, and at the hearing officer's discretion, the party with the burden of proof shall be the first to present evidence. All other parties shall be allowed to cross-examine witnesses in an orderly fashion. When that party rests, other parties shall then be allowed to present their evidence. Rebuttal and surrebuttal evidence shall be allowed only at the discretion of the hearing officer.

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600 (c) The hearing officer shall have discretion to allow opening statements and closing
601 arguments.

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603 **Section 22. Default.**

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605 Unless otherwise provided by law, a hearing officer may enter an order of default or an
606 order affirming agency action for a party's failure to appear at a lawfully noticed hearing.

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608 **Section 23. Expedited Hearing.**

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610 (a) At the hearing officer's or Council's discretion and when allowed by applicable
611 law, a contested case may be heard as an expedited hearing upon the motion of any party.

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613 (b) An expedited hearing shall be decided on written arguments, evidence, and
614 stipulations submitted by the parties. A hearing officer or the Council may permit oral arguments
615 upon the request of any party.

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617 (c) The hearing officer may require an evidentiary hearing in any case in which it
618 appears that facts material to a decision in the case cannot be properly determined by an
619 expedited hearing.

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621 **Section 24. Recommended Decision.**

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623 In those contested cases where the hearing officer makes a recommended
624 decision, the hearing officer shall file the recommended decision with the Council and serve
625 copies of the recommended decision on all parties to the contested case. Unless otherwise
626 ordered, parties shall have ten (10) days to file written exceptions to the hearing officer's
627 recommended decision. Written exceptions shall be filed with the Council and served on all
628 parties.

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630 **Section 25. Final Decision.**

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632 (a) A final decision containing findings of fact, conclusions of law, and an order
633 entered by the Council shall be in writing and served upon all parties to the contested case and
634 the hearing officer, if applicable.

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636 (b) A final decision shall include findings of fact and conclusions of law, separately
637 stated. When the hearing officer allows the parties to submit a proposed final order, the parties
638 shall file the original with the Council and serve copies of the proposed order on all other parties
639 and the hearing officer.

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641 (c) A hearing officer may at any time prior to judicial review correct clerical errors in
642 final decisions or other parts of the record. A party may move that clerical errors or other parts of
643 the record be corrected. During the pendency of judicial review, such errors may be corrected
644 only with leave of the court having jurisdiction.

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Section 26. Incorporation by Reference.

(a) The code, standard, rule, or regulation below is incorporated by reference and can be found at:

http://www.courts.state.wy.us/Documents/CourtRules/Rules/WYOMING_RULES_OF_CIVIL_PROCEDURE.pdf

(i) Rule 11, Wyoming Rules of Civil Procedure, adopted by the Wyoming Supreme Court and in effect on March 1, 2017;

(ii) Rule 12(b)(6), Wyoming Rules of Civil Procedure, adopted by the Wyoming Supreme Court and in effect on March 1, 2017;

(iii) Rule 24, Wyoming Rules of Civil Procedure, adopted by the Wyoming Supreme Court and in effect on March 1, 2017;

(iv) Rule 45, Wyoming Rules of Civil Procedure, adopted by the Wyoming Supreme Court and in effect on March 1, 2017;

(v) Rule 52, Wyoming Rules of Civil Procedure, adopted by the Wyoming Supreme Court and in effect on March 1, 2017;

(vi) Rule 56, Wyoming Rules of Civil Procedure, adopted by the Wyoming Supreme Court and in effect on March 1, 2017;

(vii) Rule 56.1, Wyoming Rules of Civil Procedure, adopted by the Wyoming Supreme Court and in effect on March 1, 2017.

(b) These rules do not incorporate later amendments or editions of the incorporated matter.

(c) All incorporated matter is available for public inspection at the Department's Cheyenne office or at the Council's Cheyenne office. Contact information for the Department's Cheyenne office may be obtained at <http://deq.wyoming.gov/> or from (307) 777-7937. Contact information for the Council's Cheyenne office may be obtained at <http://wyomingeqc.wyo.gov/> or from (307) 777-7170.