

## **5066 Prehearing Conference**

### **(a)**

On motion of a party or by order of an administrative law judge, the administrative law judge may conduct a prehearing conference. The administrative law judge shall set the time and place for the prehearing conference, and shall give reasonable written notice to all parties.

### **(b)**

The prehearing conference may deal with one or more of the following matters:

(i) Exploration of settlement possibilities. (ii) Preparation of stipulations. (iii) Clarification of issues. (iv) Rulings on identity and limitation of the number of witnesses. (v) Objections to proffers of evidence. (vi) Order of presentation of evidence and cross-examination. (vii) Rulings regarding issuance of subpoenas and protective orders. (viii) Schedules for the submission of written briefs and schedules for the commencement and conduct of the hearing. (ix) Exchange of witness lists and of exhibits or documents to be offered in evidence at the hearing. (x) Any other matters as shall promote the orderly and prompt conduct of the hearing.

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**(c)**

The administrative law judge may conduct all or part of the prehearing conference by telephone, video, or other electronic means if each participant in the conference has an opportunity to participate in and to hear the entire proceeding while it is taking place.

**(d)**

Prehearing conferences are not open to public observation.