

(c) *Determination without hearing.* In any proceeding where a hearing is not required by Section 22 or, if required, in which any of the matters to be determined by the Commissioner are not in issue, the Commissioner may make any determination referred to in subsection (b) on the basis of the documents filed in the proceeding as required or permitted by this subtitle. The Commissioner may, however, require a hearing at any time or for any relevant purpose and shall require such hearing before refusing to issue a patent.

(d) *Modification of certificate.* If after consideration of the proceedings, including the evidence produced at any hearing which may be required, the Commissioner determines that it is proper to issue a patent only for a less quantity of land than is embraced within the certificate of the surveyor, he shall issue an amended warrant to the surveyor directing him within a period of ninety days to amend the certificate in accordance with such findings. If such determination is made by the Commissioner before a hearing has been held, all parties to the proceeding shall be given an opportunity to request such hearing prior to the issuance of the amended warrant. If such order is made and the effect of any such amendment is to include any land not embraced within the lines of the description and plat first returned, the period within which objections may be filed shall be extended to six months after the filing of the amended certificate and plat.

(e) *Effect of certificate of Commissioner.* The certificate of the Commissioner affixed to a patent that such patent is proper to be issued shall be conclusive proof of an affirmative finding by the Commissioner as to each of the matters referred to in subsection (b).

22. Objections to issuance of patents.

(a) *Time for filing; contents.* At any time after the filing of the application referred to in Section 16 (a) and before the expiration of six months from the filing of the certificate by the surveyor, any person may file an objection to the issuance of a patent in such proceeding. Such objection shall be in writing, shall set forth the reasons for the objection, and shall bear a certification that a copy of the objection has been mailed to the applicant and to each other person who is then a party to the proceeding.

(b) *Grounds for objection.* Any matter which could heretofore be raised by caveat to a special warrant, a special warrant of resurvey without adding vacancy, or a special warrant of resurvey adding vacancy and any other objection bearing upon the determinations to be made by the Commissioner pursuant to Section ~~19~~ 21 (b) may be included in an objection. Any matter not raised in such objection shall be deemed to have been waived or admitted by the person filing the objection; but amendment of objections may be made in the manner and during the period permitted by subsection (a) and before hearing.

(c) *Objection by public agency, etc.* An objection on the basis that vacant land described in the application or certificate of the surveyor is required for public purposes may be made only by an agency of the State, a municipal corporation, or any governmental body of any State subdivision having authority to acquire such land by eminent domain. Such objection shall contain a specific reference