

REQUESTING THE REFERRAL.

(2) EACH REQUEST SHALL BE SIGNED AND VERIFIED BY THE PERSON MAKING THE REQUEST AND CONTAIN A CERTIFICATION THAT A COPY OF THE REQUEST WAS FORWARDED, AT THE ADDRESS ON RECORD WITH THE COMMISSIONER, TO:

(I) EACH OTHER PARTY TO THE PROCEEDING; AND

(II) EACH OTHER PERSON ENTITLED TO NOTICE UNDER THIS TITLE.

(C) ORDER BY COMMISSIONER.

(1) THE COMMISSIONER SHALL CONSIDER ANY REQUEST FOR REFERRAL FILED UNDER THIS SECTION. PROMPTLY AFTER THE EXPIRATION OF THE PERIOD FOR FILING REQUESTS, THE COMMISSIONER MAY:

(I) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY REQUEST FOR REFERRAL, ORDER THAT THE PROCEEDING BE SET FOR A HEARING BEFORE THE COMMISSIONER UNDER §13-406 OF THIS SUBTITLE; OR

(II) ON REQUEST FOR REFERRAL OR ON THE COMMISSIONER'S OWN INITIATIVE, ORDER THAT THE PROCEEDING BE REFERRED TO THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR DECLARATORY RELIEF UNDER §13-407 OF THIS SUBTITLE.

(2) THE ORDER OF THE COMMISSIONER SHALL SET FORTH THE REASONS FOR IT AND SHALL BE MAILED TO:

(I) EACH PARTY TO THE PROCEEDING; AND

(II) EACH OTHER PERSON ENTITLED TO NOTICE UNDER THIS TITLE.

(D) APPEAL OF ORDER TO COMMISSION.

(1) WITHIN 10 DAYS OF THE ORDER OF THE COMMISSIONER UNDER SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION, ANY AGGRIEVED PARTY MAY APPEAL THE ORDER TO THE COMMISSION.

(2) ON APPEAL, THE COMMISSION MAY, BUT NEED NOT, HOLD A HEARING. THE DETERMINATION OF THE COMMISSION AS TO THE APPROPRIATE FORUM IS FINAL.

13-406. HEARING BEFORE COMMISSIONER.

(A) MANNER AND TIME OF HEARING.

IF, UNDER §13-405 OF THIS SUBTITLE, THE PROCEEDING IS SET FOR A HEARING BEFORE THE COMMISSIONER, THE COMMISSIONER SHALL HOLD THE HEARING IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE ACT AS SOON AS PRACTICABLE WITHIN 30 DAYS OF THE ORDER OF THE COMMISSIONER UNDER §13-405 (C) OF THIS SUBTITLE OR, IF THAT ORDER IS APPEALED, THE DETERMINATION OF THE COMMISSION.