- (1) IMPLEMENT REMEDIES UNDER § 19–110 OF THIS TITLE:
- (2) IMPOSE SANCTIONS UNDER § 19–111 OF THIS TITLE: AND
- (3) GOVERN THE CONDUCT OF THE PARTIES IN THE MANNER DESCRIBED UNDER § 19–112 OF THIS TITLE SO THAT THE PURPOSES OF THIS TITLE ARE ACHIEVED.
- (D) (1) (I) FOR EACH CONTESTED CASE HEARING PROPERLY REQUESTED BY THE BUSINESS ENTITY OR BY THE COMPLAINANT, THE ATTORNEY GENERAL COMMISSION SHALL DELEGATE THE MATTER TO THE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS TO ASSIGN AN ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE TO CONDUCT A HEARING IN A MANNER CONSISTENT WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SUBSECTION.
- (II) AT THE CONTESTED CASE HEARING, THE COMMISSION SHALL HAVE THE BURDEN OF PROOF BY A PREPONDERANCE OF THE EVIDENCE.
- (2) THE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS SHALL CONDUCT ANY CONTESTED CASE HEARING IN ACCORDANCE WITH ITS RULES OF PROCEDURE UNDER COMAR 28.02.01.
- (2) WITHIN 30 DAYS AFTER NOTICE TO THE PARTIES OF THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE CONTESTED CASE HEARING BY THE ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE, THE BUSINESS ENTITY SHALL FILE A WRITTEN RESPONSE TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDED ACTIONS, ALONG WITH ANY CLAIMS THAT THE BUSINESS ENTITY MAY HAVE UNDER THIS TITLE.
- (3) THE RESPONSE OF THE BUSINESS ENTITY SHALL STATE IN DETAIL ALL GROUNDS ON WHICH THE BUSINESS ENTITY CONTENDS THAT THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S FINDINGS OR RECOMMENDATIONS ARE NOT APPROPRIATE UNDER THIS TITLE.
- (4) AT LEAST 20 DAYS BEFORE THE HEARING, EACH PARTY SHALL PROVIDE TO THE OTHER PARTIES COPIES OF ALL DOCUMENTS THAT THE PARTY INTENDS TO INTRODUCE AS EVIDENCE AT THE HEARING.
- (5) THE ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE MAY ENTER ANY ORDER THAT IS DETERMINED TO BE REASONABLY NECESSARY OR CONVENIENT TO:
- (I) COVERN THE CONDUCT OF THE HEARING AND THE PARTIES SO THAT THE PURPOSES OF THIS TITLE ARE ACHIEVED:
- (II) CONCLUDE ANY HEARING AND ISSUE ANY DECISION WITHIN A REASONABLE TIME: AND
- (III) CONDUCT ANY HEARING IN A MANNER THAT IS CONSISTENT WITH THIS TITLE AND ANY DUE PROCESS RIGHTS TO WHICH ANY PARTY IS ENTITLED.
- (6) THE HEARING SHALL AFFORD ALL PARTIES AN OPPORTUNITY TO PRESENT WITNESSES, CONDUCT DIRECT AND CROSS EXAMINATION OF WITNESSES, INTRODUCE RELEVANT EVIDENCE, SUBMIT BRIEFS, AND PRESENT ORAL ARGUMENT.