

A PERSON MAY NOT PARTICIPATE ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF APPEALS IN ANY PROCEEDING IN WHICH THE PERSON HAS A DIRECT OR INDIRECT INTEREST.

(C) CONSOLIDATION OF CLAIMS.

(1) A HEARING EXAMINER, SPECIAL EXAMINER, OR THE BOARD OF APPEALS MAY CONSOLIDATE CLAIMS BY MORE THAN 1 INDIVIDUAL OR CLAIMS BY A SINGLE INDIVIDUAL FOR 2 OR MORE WEEKS OF UNEMPLOYMENT IF:

(I) THE SAME OR SUBSTANTIALLY SIMILAR EVIDENCE IS RELEVANT AND MATERIAL TO THE MATTERS AT ISSUE; AND

(II) IN THE JUDGMENT OF THE HEARING EXAMINER, SPECIAL EXAMINER, OR THE BOARD OF APPEALS, THE CONSOLIDATION WOULD NOT BE PREJUDICIAL TO A PARTY.

(2) WHEN CLAIMS ARE CONSOLIDATED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION, THE HEARING EXAMINER, SPECIAL EXAMINER, OR BOARD OF APPEALS MAY:

(I) SET THE SAME TIME AND PLACE FOR CONSIDERING EACH CLAIM;

(II) CONDUCT JOINT HEARINGS;

(III) MAKE A SINGLE RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS; AND

(IV) CONSIDER EVIDENCE THAT IS INTRODUCED IN A PROCEEDING FOR 1 CLAIM AS HAVING BEEN INTRODUCED FOR ANOTHER CLAIM.

(D) RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS.

(1) A RECORD SHALL BE KEPT OF ALL TESTIMONY AND PROCEEDINGS BEFORE A HEARING EXAMINER, SPECIAL EXAMINER, OR THE BOARD OF APPEALS.

(2) TESTIMONY NEED NOT BE TRANSCRIBED UNLESS:

(I) JUDICIAL REVIEW IS INITIATED; OR

(II) THE BOARD OF APPEALS ORDERS A TRANSCRIPTION.

(E) WITNESS FEES.

(1) A WITNESS WHO IS SUBPOENAED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE IS ENTITLED TO COMPENSATION AT A RATE THAT THE BOARD OF APPEALS SETS.