

Kansas Administrative Regulations

Kansas Department of Agriculture—Division of Water Resources

Article 14.—Enforcement and Appeals

5-14-7. Conversion of a conference hearing.

(a) At any point during a conference hearing being conducted according to K.A.R. 5-14-2, the conference hearing may be converted by the chief engineer to a full adjudicative hearing to be heard by the chief engineer.

(b) The conversion of a conference hearing to a full adjudicative hearing may be effected only upon providing notice to all parties to the original proceedings.

(c) The record of the conference hearing may be used in the full adjudicative hearing.

(d) After a conference hearing is converted to a full adjudicative hearing, the hearing officer shall perform the following:

(1) Give any additional notice to parties or other persons necessary to satisfy the requirements of a full adjudicative hearing; and

(2) conduct any additional proceedings necessary to satisfy the requirements of a full adjudicative hearing.

(e) If the conference hearing is converted to a full adjudicative hearing, the full adjudicative hearing shall be conducted according to the following criteria:

(1) The hearing officer shall regulate the course of the proceedings.

(2) The parties may testify and present exhibits.

(3) The hearing officer may allow nonparties an opportunity to present oral or written statements and exhibits.

(4) All testimony shall be given under oath.

(5) To the extent necessary for full disclosure of all relevant facts and issues, the hearing officer shall afford to all parties the opportunity to respond, present evidence and arguments, conduct cross-examination, and submit rebuttal evidence.

(6) The hearing officer may conduct all or part of the hearing by telephone or other electronic means, if each party in the hearing has an opportunity to participate in the entire proceeding while it is taking place.

(7) The hearing shall be recorded at the agency's expense.

(8) Any party, at that party's expense and subject to any reasonable conditions that the state agency may establish, may cause a person other than the state agency to prepare a transcript from the state agency's recording or cause additional recordings to be made during the hearing.

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