

## UNDERSTANDING PROCEEDING MILESTONES

Q: What are the major milestones in a proceeding that does not have hearings?  
What does a typical timeline for case processing such a case look like?

A. If a proceeding is contested but no hearings are held, a proceeding typically includes most of the following milestones and develops in a manner generally consistent with the following timeline:

1	Filing of application	Day 0
2	ALJ 176-xxxx resolution making a preliminary classification of the proceeding and a preliminary determination that hearings are not needed	
3	Protest or Response of parties to application	Day 30
4	Reply to Protest or response (if ALJ permits)	Day 40
5	ALJ and/or Commissioner Ruling seeking more information and setting responsive timetable	Day 55
6	Subsequent information filed by applicant	Day 85
7	Reply to applicant's subsequent filing	Day 105
8	Proposed decision of Administrative Law Judge	Day 150
9	Comments of parties on proposed decision	Day 170
10	Replies to comments of parties	Day 175
11	Consideration of proposed decision, as modified in response to comments and replies, by Commission at public Commission meeting	Day 180

Note: The average number of days between the opening and closing of a proceeding in 2007 was 174 days and in 2006 was 214 days. Proceedings that did not require a subsequent filing of additional information would take less time than the above schedule suggests. Proceedings with formal hearings would typically take much longer.

## UNDERSTANDING PROCEEDING MILESTONES

Q: What are the major milestones in a proceeding that involves hearings? What does a typical timeline for case processing look like?

A. If a proceeding is contested and hearings are held, a proceeding typically includes most of the following milestones and develops in a manner generally consistent with the following timeline:

1	Filing of application	Day 0
2	ALJ 176-xxxx resolution making a preliminary classification of the proceeding and a preliminary determination that hearings are not needed	
3	Protest or Response of parties to application	Day 30
4	Reply to Protest or response (if ALJ permits)	Day 40
5	Prehearing Conference Held	Day 55
6	Ruling containing "Scoping Memo" issued	Day 60
7	Opening Testimony Served	Day 100
8	Reply Testimony Served	Day 130
9	Hearings Held	Day 140-145
10	Opening Briefs	Day 175
11	Reply Briefs	Day 200
12	Proposed decision of Administrative Law Judge	Day 290
13	Comments of parties on proposed decision	Day 310
14	Replies to comments of parties	Day 315
15	Consideration of proposed decision, as modified in response to comments and replies, by Commission at public Commission meeting	Day 320

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