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### **Role of the Presiding Officer at Pre-Hearing Conference**

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At the January, 1994 Commission meeting, the Commission considered the matter of the role of the presiding officer at a pre-hearing conference and the issue of whether the presiding officer should continue as a member of the hearing panel without requiring the consent of all parties to the hearing.

The Commission adopted the policy that the presiding officer at a pre-hearing conference has the right to continue as a member of the hearing panel.

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