

1400.2230 WRITTEN COMMENTS AFTER HEARING AND CLOSE OF HEARING RECORD.

Subpart 1. **Written comments.** The judge must allow written comments to be submitted into the hearing record by the agency and all interested persons for five working days after the hearing ends, and may extend this time to no more than 20 days after the hearing ends. In its comment, the agency may state whether there are rule modifications that it intends to adopt. The office must receive the written comments no later than 4:30 p.m. on the last day for submission.

Subp. 2. **Written responses.** The office must allow the agency and all interested persons to review the submissions received under subpart 1 and must allow them a rebuttal period of five working days to respond in writing to any new information submitted. The office must receive the responses no later than 4:30 p.m. on the last day. In its response, the agency may state whether there are rule modifications that the agency intends to adopt. Additional evidence may not be submitted during this rebuttal period. The written responses are part of the hearing record.

Subp. 3. **Close of hearing record.** The hearing record closes on the last date for receipt of written responses filed under subpart 2.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 14.386; 14.388; 14.51; 15.474*

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