

**WAC 230-17-020 Prehearing conferences.** The presiding officer, on his or her own motion or on the motion of one of the parties, may direct the parties to appear at a specified time and place for a pre-hearing conference to consider:

- (1) Identifying and simplifying the issues; and
- (2) Amending pleadings, if necessary; and
- (3) Obtaining stipulations of facts and of documents; and
- (4) Limiting the number of witnesses; and
- (5) Setting discovery deadlines or resolving discovery disputes;

and

- (6) Scheduling a settlement conference before an administrative law judge; and
- (7) Scheduling the hearing date; and
- (8) Resolving any other matter that may aid in the outcome of the proceeding.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 9.46.070. WSR 07-21-156 (Order 615), § 230-17-020, filed 10/24/07, effective 1/1/08.]