

# Staff Proposed Rule Making

WAC 230-17 Hearing Rules

#### **JULY 2023 – Initiate Rule Making**

Tab 10: JULY 2023 Commission Meeting Agenda.

**Statutory Authority 9.46.070** 

## Who Proposed the Rule Change?

Washington State Gambling Commission Staff

### **Background**

In recent Commission enforcement actions, motions, responses, and other legal documents have been filed for review associated with a particular petition for review or reconsideration days prior to the upcoming meeting. Some filings have been received less than 24 hours before the next Commission meeting, forcing a continuance.

The current rule framework does not directly address motions, responses, and similar pleadings with regard to timeliness. A rule change is necessary to implement a framework to address timeliness for filings before the Commission and reduce confusion and unnecessary continuances. Other parts of the rule chapter on Hearing Rules may also be amended to add clarity or ensure consistency.

#### Attachments:

• Chapter 17 of WAC 230

#### **Staff Recommendation**

Staff recommends initiating rule making to adjust rules to address timeframes for filing motions, responses, and other legal documents, as well as to introduce other changes that might clarify hearing processes and ensure consistency.