**Section 500.550 Admissions**

a) Request for Admission of Fact. A party may serve on any other party a written request for the admission by the latter of the truth of any specified relevant fact set forth in the request.

b) Request for Admission of Genuineness of Document. A party may serve on any other party a written request for admission of the genuineness of any relevant documents described in the request. Copies of the document shall be served with the request unless copies have already been furnished.

c) Admission in the Absence of Denial. Each of the matters of fact and the genuineness of each document of which admission is requested is admitted unless, within twenty (20) days after service thereof, the party to whom the request is directed serves upon the party requesting the admission either a sworn statement denying specifically the matters of which admission is requested or setting forth in detail the reasons why he cannot truthfully admit or deny those matters or written objections on the ground that some or all of the requested admissions are privileged or irrelevant or that the request is otherwise improper in whole or in part. If written objections to a part of the request are made, the remainder of the request shall be answered within the period designated in the request. A denial shall fairly meet the substance of the requested admission. If good faith requires that a party deny only a part, or requires qualification, of a matter of which an admission is requested, he shall specify so much of it as is true and deny only the remainder. Any objection to a request or to an answer shall be heard by the Hearing Officer upon prompt notice and motion of the party making the request.

d) Effect of Admission. Any admission made by a party pursuant to request under this Section is for the purpose of the pending action only. It does not constitute an admission by him for any other purpose and may not be used against him in any other proceeding.

e) Expenses of Refusal to Admit. If a party, after being served with a request to admit the genuineness of any documents or the truth of any matters of fact, serves a sworn denial thereof, and if the party requesting the admissions thereafter proves the genuineness of the document or the truth of the matter of fact, such party may apply to the Hearing Office for an order requiring the denying party to pay such requesting party the reasonable expenses incurred in making the proof, including reasonable attorney's fees. Unless the Hearing Officer finds that there were good reasons for the denial or that the admissions sought were of no substantial importance, the order shall be made.