**Section 1000.1680 Conduct of the Hearing**

a) All hearings shall be public unless required by statute to be otherwise. Any person may submit written statements relevant to the subject matter of the hearing. Any person submitting such a statement shall be subject to cross-examination by any party. If such person is not available for cross-examination upon timely request, the written statement shall be stricken from the record. The hearing officer may take evidence from any person whether or not such person is a party to the proceedings.

b) The following shall be the order of proceedings of all hearings, subject to modification by the hearing officer for good cause:

1) Presentation, argument and disposition of motions preliminary to a hearing on the merits of the matters raised in the notice or answer;

2) Presentation of opening statements;

3) Applicant's case in chief;

4) Objector's case in chief;

5) Applicant's case in rebuttal;

6) Statements from interested citizens, if authorized by the hearing officer;

7) Objector's closing statement;

8) Applicant's closing statement;

9) Presentation and argument of all motions prior to final order;

10) Presentation of written briefs pursuant to Section 1000.1740 of this Subpart;

11) Filing of proposed findings of fact and conclusions of law upon order of the hearing officer.