**Section 2605.220 Recusal of Hearing Officer**

a) Any party may file a timely and sufficient motion, supported by affidavit, requesting that the Hearing Officer recuse himself or herself from hearing the case. The affidavit shall set forth allegations of personal bias or prejudice of the Hearing Officer. If a new Hearing Officer is necessary, the Director or Director's designee shall appoint and/or retain another Hearing Officer.

b) *An adverse ruling in and of itself shall not constitute a bias or conflict of interest.* [5 ILCS 100/10-30]

c) The Hearing Officer may, at any time, voluntarily disqualify himself or herself upon written notice to the Department.

(Source: Amended at 43 Ill. Reg. 4056, effective March 19, 2019)