**Section 2720.277 Prehearing Conference in Labor Dispute Appeal**

a) In any case arising under the provisions of Section 604 of the Act, the Director or the Director's Representative shall hold a prehearing conference if it will expedite the hearing.

b) All parties shall be given notice of the prehearing conference, and the following items shall be considered at the conference:

1) Simplification of the issues;

2) The possibility of obtaining admissions of fact and documents that will avoid unnecessary proof at the hearing;

3) The limitation on the number of witnesses or the scope of their testimony.

c) After the conference, the Director or the Director's Representative shall issue an agreed order or stipulation either in writing or on the record that recites any action taken at the prehearing conference and identifies theissues for hearing that were not disposed of at the conference. The order or stipulations shall be made part of the record.

(Source: Amended at 43 Ill. Reg. 6385, effective May 14, 2019)