**Section 200.25 Standards for Discretion**

All Commission discretion under this Part shall be exercised so as to accomplish the goals set forth in the remainder of this Section.

a) Integrity of the fact-finding process – The principal goal of the hearing process is to assemble a complete factual record to serve as basis for a correct and legally sustainable decision.

b) Fairness – Persons appearing in and affected by Commission proceedings must be treated fairly. To this end, parties which do not act diligently and in good faith shall be treated in such a manner as to negate any disadvantage or prejudice experienced by other parties.

c) Expedition – Proceedings must be brought to a conclusion as swiftly as is possible in keeping with the other goals of the hearing process.

d) Convenience – The hearing process should be tailored where practicable to accommodate the parties, staff witnesses, the Hearing Examiner and the Commission itself.

e) Cost-effectiveness – Minimization of costs incurred by the Commission, and by both public and private parties, should be sought.

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