**Section 202.300 Pre-arbitration Conference**

Upon providing notice through the Chief Clerk of the Commission, the arbitrator may request all parties to attend a pre-arbitration conference. Such a conference may be held for any purpose, including, but not limited to:

a) Scheduling;

b) Identification and simplification of issues and procedures;

c) Amendments to documents;

d) Limitations on the number of witnesses;

e) The issuance of rulings denying, limiting, conditioning or regulating discovery;

f) The issuance of rulings supervising all or any part of any discovery procedure; and

g) Such other matters as may aid in the simplification of the issues and procedures and disposition of the proceeding, including, but not limited to, obtaining a written statement from Staff that it waives 83 Ill. Adm. Code 200 and the IAPA to the extent that either conflicts with the procedures followed in the proceeding.