

**25 NCAC 01B .0217      PROCEDURE**

(a) A declaratory ruling procedure may consist of written submissions, oral hearing, or such other procedure as may be appropriate in a particular case.

(b) Except in special circumstances, the commission will not, as a general rule, issue a declaratory ruling when the matter in respect of which a declaratory ruling requested is involved in a lawsuit pending in any state or federal court.

*History Note:*      *Authority G.S. 150B-17;*  
                          *Eff. February 1, 1976;*  
                          *Pursuant to G.S. 150B-21.3A, rule is necessary without substantive public interest Eff. October 28,*  
                          *2014.*