

## **11 NCAC 23B .0310 ORAL ARGUMENT**

(a) A party may waive oral argument at any time with approval of the Commission. Upon the request of a party or on its own initiative, the Commission may review the case and file an Order or Decision and Order without oral argument.

(b) When presenting oral argument, each appellant shall have 20 minutes to present oral argument and may reserve any amount of the 20-minute total allotment for rebuttal, unless otherwise specified by Order of the Commission. Each appellee shall also have 20 minutes to present oral argument, unless otherwise specified by Order of the Commission; however, the appellees shall not reserve rebuttal time. In cross-appeals, each appealing party may reserve rebuttal time.

(c) A party may request additional time to present oral argument in excess of the standard 20-minute allowance. Such requests shall be made in writing and submitted to the Full Commission no less than 10 days prior to the scheduled hearing date. The written request for additional time shall state with specificity the reasons for the request of additional time and the amount of additional time requested.

(d) If a party fails to appear before the Full Commission upon the call of the case, the Commission may, upon consideration of the interests of justice and judicial economy, disallow the party's right to present oral argument. If neither party appears upon the call of the case, the Full Commission may, upon consideration of the interests of justice and judicial economy, decide the case upon the record and briefs on appeal, unless otherwise ordered.

(e) Oral arguments shall be based upon the record in the matter, pursuant to G.S. 143-292.

*History Note: Authority G.S. 143-292; 143-296; 143-300;  
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