

**181—3.7(17A,546) Effect of a declaratory ruling.** A declaratory ruling is binding on the agency and the petitioner and is applicable only in circumstances where the relevant facts and law involved are indistinguishable from those contained in the petition. As to all other persons, a declaratory ruling serves only as precedent and is not binding on the agency. The issuance of a declaratory ruling constitutes final agency action on the petition.