

**199—13.6(479B) Hearing.** Hearing shall be not less than 10 or more than 30 days from the date of last publication of notice of hearing.

Petitioner shall be represented by one or more duly authorized representatives or counsel or both. The board may examine the proposed route of the pipeline or location of the underground storage facilities which are the object of the petition or may cause examination to be made on its behalf by an engineer of its selection. One or more members of the board or a duly appointed administrative law judge shall consider the petition and any objections filed thereto and may hear testimony deemed appropriate. One or more petitions may be considered at the same hearing. Petitions may be consolidated. Hearing shall be held in the office of the board or at any other place within the state of Iowa as the board may designate. Any hearing permitted by these rules in which there are no objections, interventions or material issues in dispute may be conducted by telephonic means. Notice of the telephonic hearings shall be given to parties within a reasonable time prior to the date of hearing.