

285—1.11(17A) Procedure for informal settlements in contested cases. Unless precluded by statute, informal settlement of disputes over rules of the authority that may otherwise result in contested case proceedings as prescribed in Iowa Code section 17A.12 shall be encouraged.

All such informal settlements shall be made by the executive director subject to ratification by the authority, and by the parties contesting the rule in question. The settlement shall be expressed in a written stipulation representing an informed mutual consent.