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**TITLE 785. OKLAHOMA WATER RESOURCES BOARD
CHAPTER 4. RULES OF PRACTICE AND HEARINGS**

RULEMAKING ACTION:

Notice of proposed PERMANENT rulemaking

PROPOSED RULES:

Subchapter 3. Board Hearings

785:4-3-7. Notice and Scheduling of Hearings [NEW]

Subchapter 5. Pre-Hearing Actions and Proceedings

785:4-5-1. Pre-hearing discovery [AMENDED]

785:4-5-7. ~~Copies of motions~~ Motions, requests and orders [AMENDED]

SUMMARY:

The Oklahoma Water Resources Board ("Board") is proposing to amend Chapter 4 of the Board's rules to clarify procedures and promote consistency within the hearing process. The proposed rules will set a timeline for notice of hearings and a more detailed procedure for filing and responding to motions within an individual proceeding before the Board.

AUTHORITY:

Oklahoma Water Resources Board, 82 O.S., § 1085.2.

COMMENT PERIOD:

Persons wishing to present written comments may do so at 3800 North Classen Blvd., Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73118 before 5:00 P.M. on January 17, 2023. Written comments may also be submitted via e-mail to Cris.Krittenbrink@owrb.ok.gov before 5:00 PM on January 17, 2023. Persons wishing to present oral comments to the Board may do so at the public hearing on January 17, 2023.

PUBLIC HEARING:

A public hearing will be held January 17, 2023, during the monthly meeting of the Board which will begin at 9:30 a.m. in the Board Room of the Board's offices located at 3800 North Classen Blvd., Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, 73118.

REQUEST FOR COMMENTS FROM BUSINESS ENTITIES:

The Board requests that any business entities affected by these proposed rules provide, within the Comment Period from December 1, 2022 through January 17, 2023, in dollar amounts if possible, the increase in the level of direct costs such as fees, and indirect costs such as reporting, recordkeeping, equipment, construction, labor, professional services, revenue loss, or other costs expected to be incurred by a particular entity due to compliance with the proposed rules. Business entities may submit this information in writing to Chrystal Krittenbrink at 3800 North Classen Blvd., Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73118 before 5:00 P.M. on January 17, 2023 or Cris.Krittenbrink@owrb.ok.gov.

COPIES OF PROPOSED RULES:

Copies of the proposed amendments may be reviewed by appointment at the Board's office location at 3800 North Classen Blvd., Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73118, or may be obtained from the "Contact Person" identified below. The proposed amendments may also be viewed on the Board's web site at <http://www.owrb.ok.gov>.

RULE IMPACT STATEMENT:

Pursuant to 75 O.S., § 303(D), a Rule Impact Statement is available for review by appointment at the OWRB's office, 3800 North Classen Blvd., Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. The Rule Impact Statement may also be viewed on the OWRB web site at <http://www.owrb.ok.gov>.

CONTACT PERSON:

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