

**15A NCAC 04E .0502 PROCEDURE FOR REQUESTING DECLARATORY RULINGS**

(a) All requests for a declaratory ruling shall be filed with the Director, Division of Energy, Mineral, and Land Resources, Department of Environmental Quality, 1612 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-1612.

(b) All requests shall include the following:

- (1) name and address of petitioner(s);
- (2) the rule, statute, or order upon which a ruling is desired;
- (3) a statement as to whether the request is for a ruling on the validity of a rule or on the applicability of a rule, statute, or order to a given factual situation;
- (4) arguments or data that demonstrate that the petitioner is aggrieved by the rule, statute, or order, or its potential application to petitioner;
- (5) a statement of the consequences of a failure to issue a declaratory ruling in favor of the petitioner;
- (6) a statement of the facts proposed for adoption by the Commission;
- (7) a draft of the proposed ruling; and
- (8) a statement of whether an oral argument is desired, and, if so, the reason(s) for requesting such an oral argument.

(c) A request for a ruling on the applicability of a rule, order or statute shall include a description of the specific factual situation on which the ruling is to be based and documentation supporting those facts. A request for a ruling on the validity of a Commission rule shall state the aggrieved person's reason(s) for questioning the validity of the rule and a brief or legal memorandum supporting the aggrieved person's position. A person may ask for both types of declaratory rulings in a single request.

(d) In the manner provided in G.S. 150B-23(d), any other person may request to intervene in the request for declaratory ruling. The request to intervene shall be determined by the Chairman.

*History Note: Authority G.S. 113A-54; 150B-4;  
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