**Section 166.292 Decision in Contested Case**

a) Within ten (10) days after service of the proposal for decision, the parties may file with the Director exceptions and proposed findings of fact and may present a brief to the Director; the Director thereafter shall issue a Final Decision or Order.

b) The Director's Final Decision or Order adverse to a party in a contested case shall be in writing or state in the record;

1) *The final decision shall include findings of fact and conclusions of law, separately stated*;

2) *Findings of fact, if set forth in statutory language, shall be accompanied by a concise and explicit statement of the underlying facts supporting the findings*.

3) *If, in accordance with Section 166.285, a party submitted proposed findings of fact, the decision shall include a ruling upon each proposed finding*.

c) *Parties or their Agents appointed to receive service of process shall be notified either personally or by registered or certified mail of any decision or order. Upon request a copy of the decision or order shall be delivered or mailed forthwith to each party or the party's attorney of record.* (Section 10-50(a) IAPA)