**Section 681.725 Director's Decision**

a) Proposal for Decision

1) When a hearing is held pursuant to Section 681.715, the hearing officer shall file with the Director or the Director's designee, and serve upon the Agency and operator, a proposal for decision within 120 days from the date of the hearing.

2) If a hearing is not held, the hearing officer shall file with the Director or the Director's designee, and serve upon the Agency and operator, a proposal for decision within 45 days from the service of the Complaint.

b) Within 21 days after service of the proposal for decision, the Agency or the operator may file with the Director exceptions, proposed findings of fact, or a brief.

c) Director's Decision

1) The Director shall make a decision on the basis of the contested case record.

2) If the operator does not request a hearing, the Director shall issue a decision within 90 days after the service of the Complaint for Sanctions.

3) If the operator requests a hearing, the Director shall issue a decision within 1 year after the service of the Complaint for Sanctions.

4) If the Director determines a sanction is appropriate, the decision must state the suspension or revocation period.

5) The Director shall give written notice of the decision and the reasons for the decision to the operator by certified mail.

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