**Section 288.260 Compensation Before the Commission's Final Order After Denial or Decision on Rehearing in the Proceeding**

a) The Administrator shall have in its sole discretion the authority, subject only to the Commission's authority to determine the propriety of any award, to approve, but subject to the requirements of this Part and Section 9-229 of the Act, the provision of compensation from the Fund to CIRs prior to the Commission's Final Order after denial or decision on rehearing in the proceeding.

b) The Administrator will not approve the compensation if it exceeds the available monies in the Fund.

c) The Administrator shall notify the Executive Director and the Director of the Commission's Administrative Services Division of approval of any compensation to be paid from the Fund. The notification shall include:

1) The name of the CIR to be paid;

2) The address to which payment should be sent;

3) The CIR's completed Form W-9 containing its taxpayer identification number;

4) The amount of compensation to be provided;

5) The balance that will remain in the Fund after the compensation is provided; and

6) A copy of the verified request for compensation from the Fund prior to the entry of the Commission's final order after denial or decision on rehearing in the proceeding (if such a request is made).

d) When the Administrator notifies the Executive Director and the Director of the Commission's Administrative Services Division that compensation is to be paid from the Fund, the Administrator shall clearly identify any information provided to the Executive Director and the Director of the Commission's Administrative Services Division considered confidential, proprietary or a trade secret.

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