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Subject: COMMENTS ON PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE ARBITRATION RULES

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I have been on the Roster for MVA/ PI Arbitration Hearings for many years.

I believe that the practice of having Submissions presented to the Arbitrator(s) on the day of the Hearing works well for in-person Hearings.

However, as to Remote Hearings, Arbitrator(s) need to receive Submissions before the Hearing so the Arbitrator(s) can print out and review pertinent documents and make notes.

It has been my practice to ask that Submissions be provided no later than 5 P.M. two (2) days before the Hearing Date.

It has been my experience that about 80% of participants comply with my request.

Almost all others provide the Submission on the day before the Hearing.

For the first time, I recently received a Submission on the day of the Hearing.

I changed the start time of the Hearing to a time later in the day after I would have time to review that Submission which was convenient to all and the Hearing was conducted and the Award was filed that day.

I respectfully suggest that the Rule be amended to require Submissions at least three (3) days before the Hearing Date.

I do not believe that sanctions for non-compliance should be incorporated into the Amended Rule since there has been substantial compliance with my time-line despite the fact that more counsel could have provided Submissions on the day of the Hearing in compliance with the current Rule.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide input

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