

## STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

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Meredith Henderson
Industrial Commission
Sent via email to Meredith.Henderson@in.nc.gov

Re: Objections to Rules 04 NCAC 10A .0601, .0609A; and 10E .0103, .0104.

Dear Ms. Henderson:

At its meeting yesterday, the Rules Review Commission objected to the above-captioned rules in accordance with G.S. 150B-21.10.

The Commission objected to Rule 04 NCAC 10A .0601, finding the deletion of the language in Paragraph (a) relating to the reasonable sanctions not prohibiting the employer or the carrier from contesting compensability and liability for the claim creates ambiguity by appearing to abrogate statutory requirements.

The Commission objected to Rule 04 NCAC 10A .0609A, finding the Industrial Commission lacks authority in Paragraph (h) of the Rule to set a specific timeframe for depositions and transcripts of the same without allowing the Deputy Commissioners to reduce or enlarge that period of time, as set forth in G.S. 97-25(g).

The Commission objected to Rule 04 NCAC 10E .0103 based upon ambiguity. The rule language was unclear what actions the Industrial Commission would take after receiving an application for *pro hac vice* admission.

The Commission objected to Rule 04 NCAC 10E .0104 based upon ambiguity. The Commission found that the rule language as submitted was unclear regarding the process for attorneys to request and take secured leave.

Please respond to this letter in accordance with the provisions of G.S. 150B-21.12. If you have any questions regarding the Commission's actions please let me know.

Sincerely,

Amanda J. Reeder

Commission Counsel