

**TITLE 2: NATURAL RESOURCES**  
**DIVISION 4: LAND RESOURCES**

**§ 4747. Administrative Hearing.**

(a) If, upon a written offer of just compensation, a land owner disputes the method used to determine, or the amount of, the just compensation offered by the Commonwealth to resolve the land compensation claim, the land owner shall have 20 days to make a written request for an administrative hearing to protest the offer.

(b) For purposes of a hearing conducted pursuant to this section and for purposes of 1 CMC §§ 9109 and 9110:

(1) “Agency” shall mean such hearing officer appointed by the Commissioner of the Department of Public Lands, and

(2) The agency shall have the general power to issue subpoenas, summon witnesses, require production, administer oaths, and other powers that may be necessary to effectively implement this Act.

(c) All hearings shall be commenced within 30 days of the filing of the written protest by the land owner. Adequate notice shall be given to all parties and opportunity shall be made available to them to present such evidence as they may desire. All hearings shall be conducted pursuant to 1 CMC § 9109.

(d) The agency shall upon concluding the hearing issue findings, decisions and orders within 30 days. Issuance of findings, orders and decisions upon hearing shall be pursuant to 1 CMC § 9110, but shall not be judicially reviewable until final.

**Source:** PL 13-25, § 1(3)(10), modified; (b) global amendment by PL 15-2, § 4.

**Commission Comment:** PL 15-2, which was enacted on February 22, 2006, abolished the Marianas Public Lands Authority and created a Department of Public Lands in its place. PL 15-2 contained short title, legislative findings and declaration of policy, repealer, global amendment, transition, severability, and savings clauses. See 1 CMC § 2801 for detailed information regarding PL 15-2.