

National Transportation Safety Board

§ 821.17

(d) *Oral argument; briefs.* No oral argument will be heard on motions unless the Board or the law judge directs otherwise. Written memoranda or briefs may be filed with motions or answers to motions, stating the points and authorities relied upon in support of the positions taken.

(e) *Disposition of motions.* Except as provided in paragraph (c) of this section for rulings on motions made at a hearing, the law judge shall pass upon all motions properly addressed to him or her, unless he or she finds that a prompt decision by the Board is essential to the proper conduct of the proceeding, in which case he or she may refer such motion to the Board for decision.

(f) *Effect of pendency of motions.* Except as provided in §§ 821.17(a) and 821.18, the filing or pendency of a motion shall not automatically alter or extend the time fixed in this part (or any extension granted thereunder) to take action by the parties.

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§ 821.15 Motion to disqualify a Board Member.

A motion requesting a Board Member to disqualify himself shall be filed with the Board, supported by an affidavit setting forth grounds for disqualification. In nonemergency proceedings, where an appeal from an initial decision is filed, such motion shall be filed on or before the date on which the reply brief is due, pursuant to § 821.48(d). In emergency proceedings, where a notice of appeal has been filed, such motion shall be filed on or before the date the reply brief is due, pursuant to § 821.57(b). Failure to file a timely motion shall be deemed a waiver of any claim of disqualification. Application for leave to file an untimely motion may be made, accompanied by an affidavit setting forth in detail why the facts relied upon as grounds for disqualification were not known and could not have been discovered with reasonable diligence within the prescribed time.

§ 821.16 Appeals from law judge's interlocutory rulings and motions.

Rulings of law judges on motions may not be appealed to the Board prior to its consideration of the entire proceeding, except in extraordinary circumstances and with the consent of the law judge who made the ruling. An appeal shall be disallowed unless the law judge finds, either on the record or in writing, that to allow such an appeal is necessary to prevent substantial detriment to the public interest or undue prejudice to any party. If an appeal is allowed, any party may file a brief with the Board within such time as the law judge directs. No oral argument will be heard unless the Board directs otherwise. The rulings of the law judge on motion may be reviewed by the Board in connection with its appellate action in the proceeding, irrespective of the filing of an appeal from the motion or any action taken thereon.

§ 821.17 Motion to dismiss and for judgment on the pleadings.

(a) *General.* A motion to dismiss may be filed within the time limitation for filing an answer, except as otherwise provided in paragraph (d) of this section. If the motion is not granted in its entirety, the answer shall be filed within 10 days of service of the law judge's order on the motion.

(b) *Judgment on the pleadings.* A party may file a motion for judgment on the pleadings where no answer has been filed or where there are no issues to be resolved.

(c) *Appeal of dismissal orders and grants of motions for judgment on the pleadings.* When a law judge grants a motion for judgment on the pleadings or a motion to dismiss in lieu of an answer and terminates the proceeding without a hearing, an appeal of such order to the Board may be filed pursuant to the provisions of § 821.47. When a law judge grants a motion to dismiss in part, § 821.16 is applicable.

(d) *Motions to dismiss for lack of jurisdiction.* A motion to dismiss on the ground that the Board lacks jurisdiction may be made at any time.

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