

TRANSITION TO THE RULES
(Effective April 1, 2009)

The Board's Rules of Practice and Procedure have been substantially revised, effective April 1, 2009. All appeals for the 2009 and subsequent years will be scheduled into the Direct Hearing Stream or the Case Managed Stream in accordance with the Board's Streaming Strategy – 2009 and Beyond.

In the case of pre-2009 appeals where there have been a number of pre-hearings, the Board will consider whether such appeals under the new thresholds should be scheduled for hearings in the Direct Hearing Stream.

Parties and their representatives in such appeals should be prepared to inform the Board at their next pre-hearing whether they are ready to proceed to a hearing and their suggested dates for such hearing. If the parties are not ready for a hearing to be scheduled, the parties will be required to explain to the Board the reason and to indicate when they will be ready to proceed. If parties believe that such appeals should remain in the Case Managed Stream, they should provide reasons to the Board for its consideration.

In appeals where Central Issues have been identified, the parties are directed to submit a case management plan to the Board prior to the next scheduled hearing event.