

**RULE 099.16 DEPOSITIONS****#099.16**

Depositions may be taken and discovery had by any party after the claim has been controverted in accordance with the statutory provisions and rule of civil procedure relating to civil actions in the Chancery and Circuit Courts of this State, unless the parties agree otherwise.

Prior to the time a case has been controverted, for good cause and upon application of either party, the Commission may order the depositions of any party or witness to be taken and any other discovery procedure.

The Commission may, at any time after a case has been heard by an Administrative Law Judge or the Commission, order the taking of evidence by deposition or otherwise, especially when this procedure will expedite the submission of the case for decision by the Commission. (Effective March 1, 1982)