

WAC 246-293-420 Public hearing. (1) If no service area boundary agreement has been established after a conscientious effort by existing water purveyors within one year of establishment of external critical water supply service area boundaries, or if the legislative authority or authorities have filed written objections with the department, the water supply and waste section of the department of social and health services (DSHS) shall work with the affected parties in an informal manner in order to reach an agreement.

(2) If, in the judgment of the water supply and waste section of DSHS, informal negotiations with the affected parties fail to make progress toward reaching an agreement, the water supply and waste section of DSHS shall hold a public hearing to determine its course of action.

(3) The water supply and waste section of DSHS shall provide at least thirty days' notice of the public hearing; thus, giving the affected parties a final opportunity to agree upon service area boundaries prior to the public hearing.

(4) Notice of the public hearing shall be mailed by certified mail to:

(a) Each purveyor providing service in the area of conflict;

(b) Each legislative authority having jurisdiction in the area;
and

(c) The public pursuant to chapter 65.16 RCW.

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