

persuade the hearing officer not to hold a hearing which may be resolved by other means in the very near future.

No formal rulings will be made on other issues raised by the parties at this point. However, the hearing officer feels compelled to note that she is not convinced that the Board can or should be bound by the decision of any other body in an area in which it has clear jurisdiction. If the Department is claiming that the Board has no jurisdiction over this matter, that should be clarified and addressed before a hearing on the merits is held.

Dated this _____ day of March, 1993 at Montpelier,
Vermont.

Shelley A. Simpson
Hearing Officer

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