

- 64** **PRIORITY OF CASES:** All cases are processed expeditiously; certain types of issues are prioritized:
- 64.1** All petitions seeking an election. Because of the timeliness requirement and the equivalent status concerns, these cases are reviewed for sufficiency on the day they are received.
- 64.2** Challenges to the validity of the showing of interest. The Regional Director cannot take action on a petition seeking an election without deciding validity challenges ([CHM 18.19](#)).
- 64.3** A challenge to the status of a labor organization is a threshold issue that is investigated before any action pursuant to § 2422.30(c) can be taken on a petition ([CHM 19](#) and related [HOG 24](#) sections).
- 64.4** Scheduling and conducting hearings and issuing a Direction of Election when the parties are unable to agree to an election agreement on nonunit matters pursuant to § 2422.16(c)(2). See [CHM 31](#).
- 64.5** Investigating and deciding blocking unfair labor practice charges ([CHM 60](#)).
- 64.6** Investigating and deciding objections to an election; and
- 64.7** Scheduling runoff and rerun elections.

