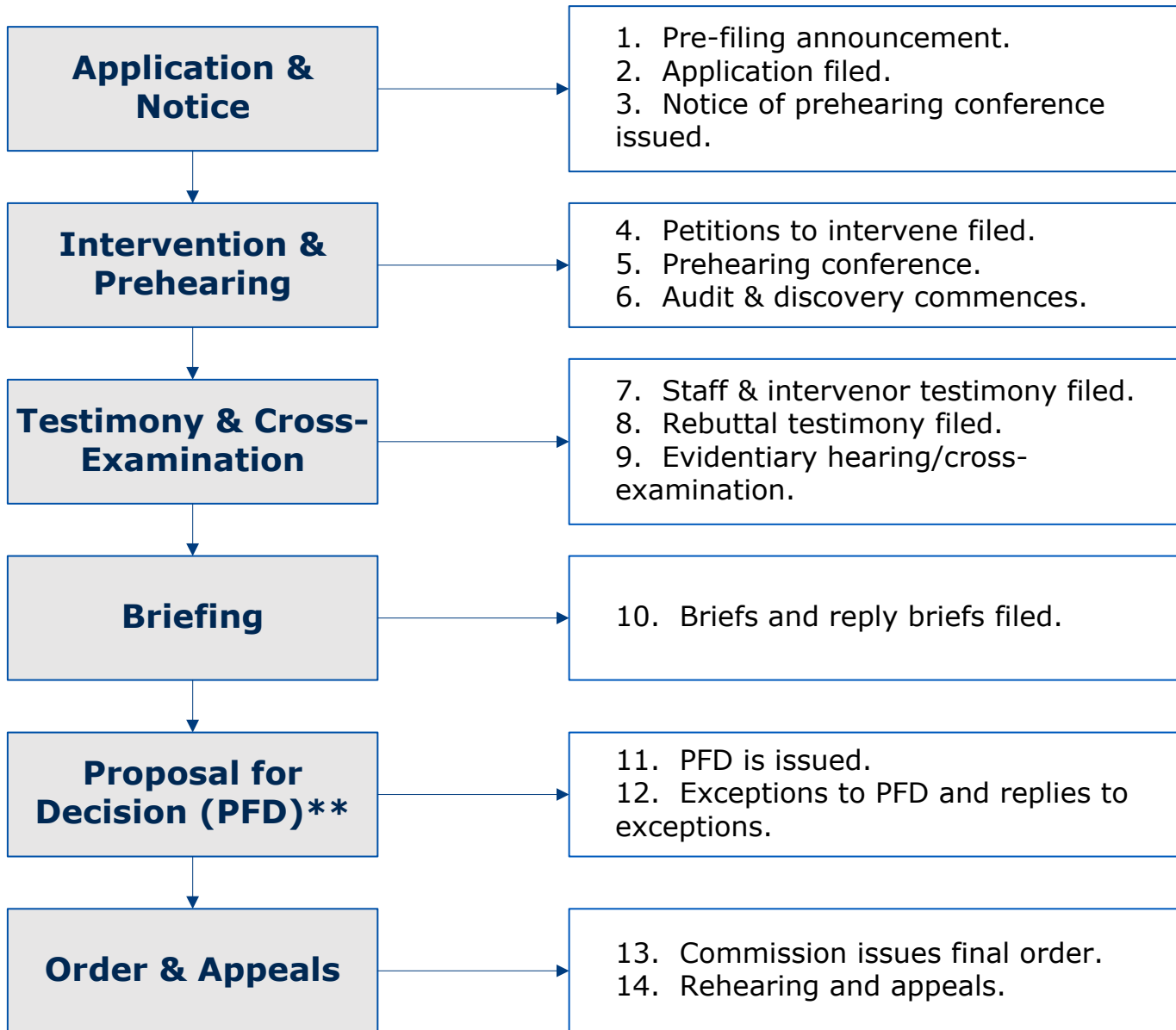


MPSC CONTESTED CASE PROCESS OVERVIEW

This flowchart outlines the MPSC's contested case process. This is a process that many types of cases, such as ratemaking, long-term planning, and siting, go through at the Commission.

This is only a general overview, and, in some instances, not every step applies. For example, parties to a case may participate in settlement negotiations, and if a settlement agreement is reached, the case bypasses any remaining steps in the process and goes directly to the Commission for an order.*



* A case may also proceed *ex parte*, which are cases that would otherwise be contested but are appropriate for this kind of review because there are no real impacts to parties other than the applicant.

** Note: This section is skipped if the Commission is reading the record.