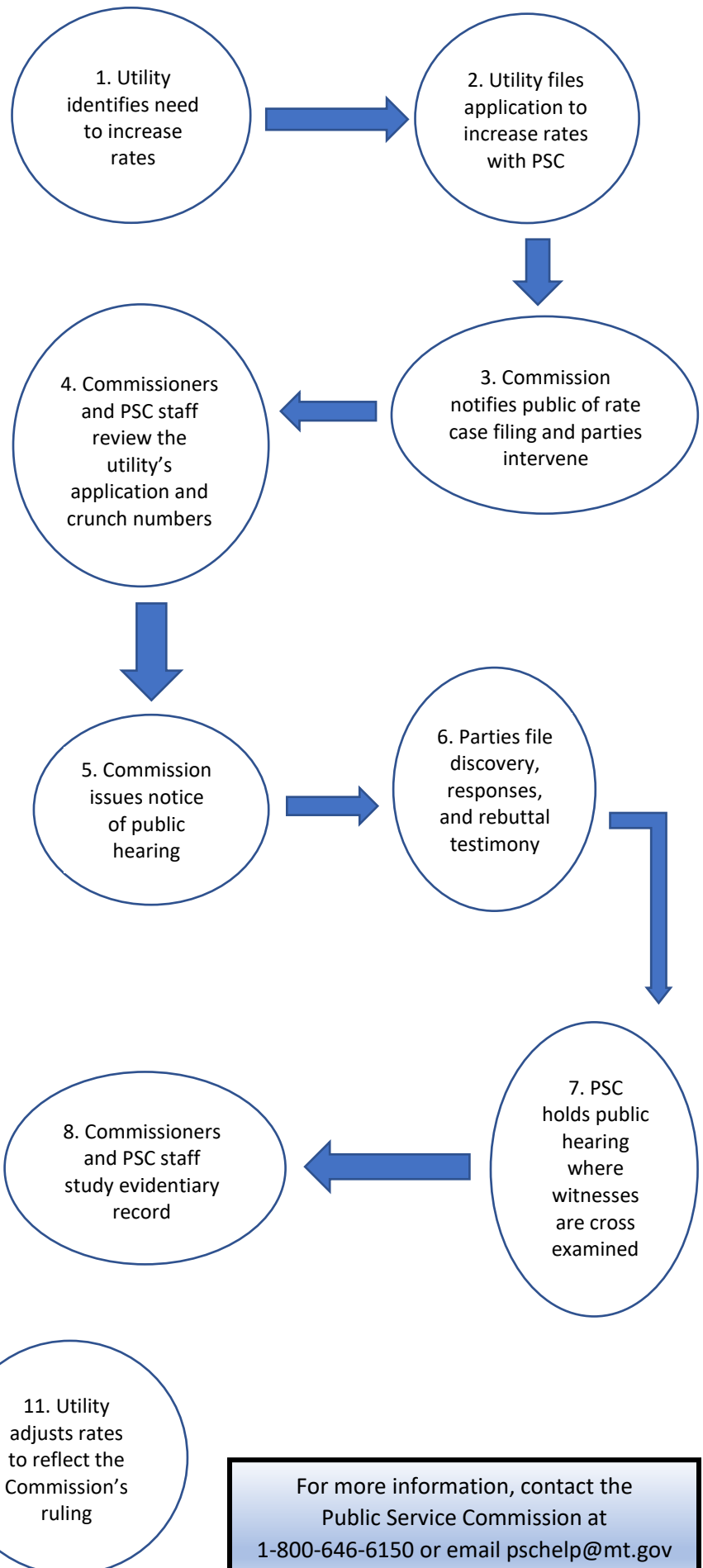


How the Montana Public Service Commission sets rates for the state's regulated utilities:

- A typical rate case filed with the Commission is processed within nine months of the utility's application.
- Intervenors are given multiple opportunities to file discovery, responses, and rebuttal testimony.
- The public has an opportunity to weigh in before the Commission.
- Witnesses are cross examined during a public hearing before the Commission and parties file post-hearing briefs and responses.
- After the hearing, Commissioners and PSC staff study the evidentiary record, staff makes a recommendation, and the Commissioners deliberate during a public work session.
- Finally, the Commission issues its final order, and the utility adjusts its rates accordingly.



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