Diagram 2.
Resource planning & procurement with PSC consultant's amendments to ARM 38.5.8201-8229

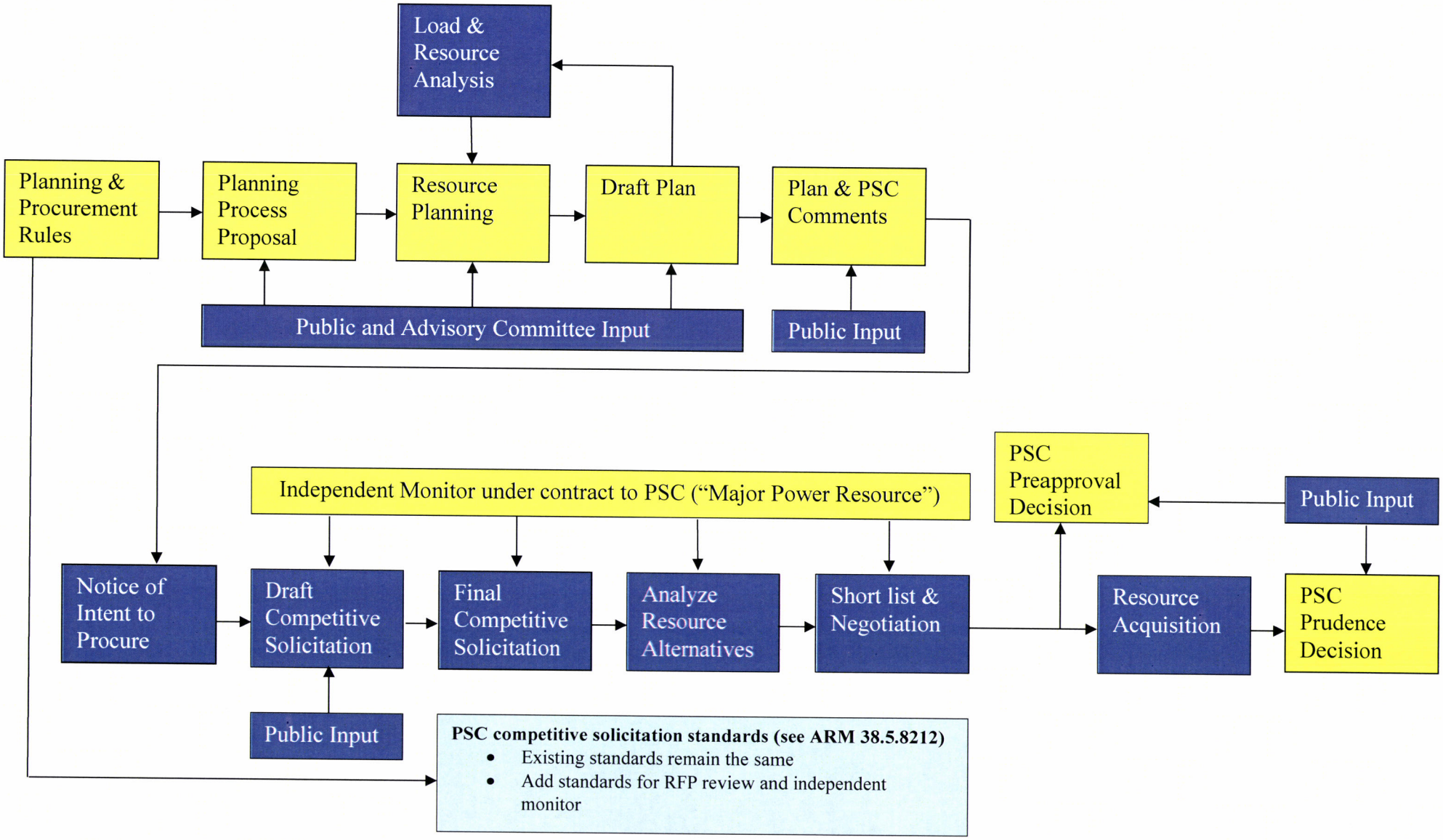
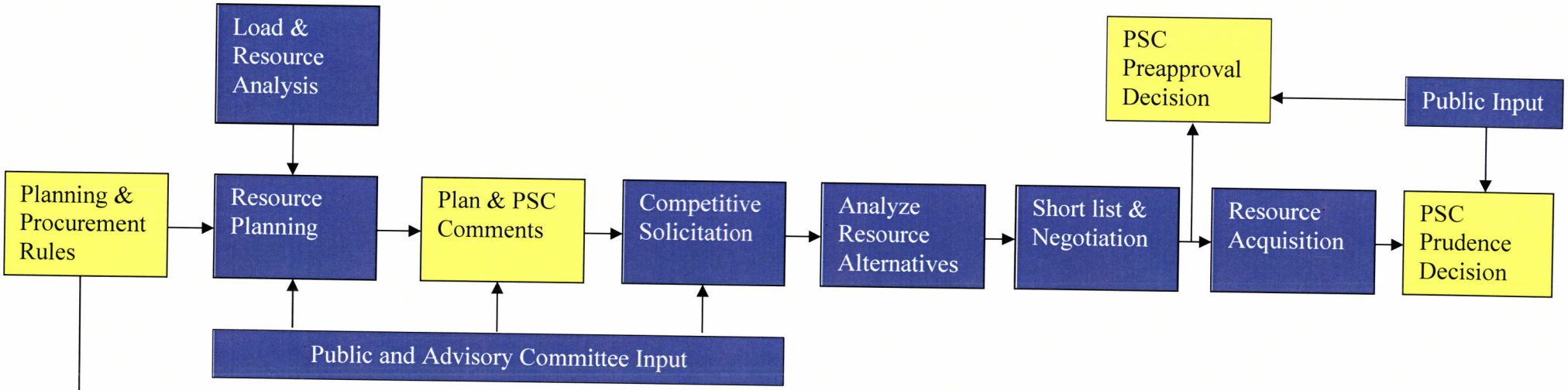


Diagram 1.
Resource planning & procurement under current ARM 38.5.8201-8229



PSC competitive solicitation standards (see ARM 38.5.8212)

- Solicitation proceeds from and is informed by resource planning process
- Treat bidders fairly
- Specify desired resource / characteristics, bidder qualification criteria, and bid evaluation criteria
- Apply a predetermined bid scoring system that accounts for price and non-price factors
- Allow all bidders to supplement their bids if changing or adding qualification or evaluation criteria
- Do not allow bidders to reassign their bids to other bidders during the evaluation process
- Do not publicly disclose bid information before the solicitation process is complete
- Use an independent third party to manage the solicitation process if an affiliate bids
- Thoroughly document all aspects of the solicitation so that the Commission and stakeholders can review and understand the decision-making process in subsequent regulatory proceedings.