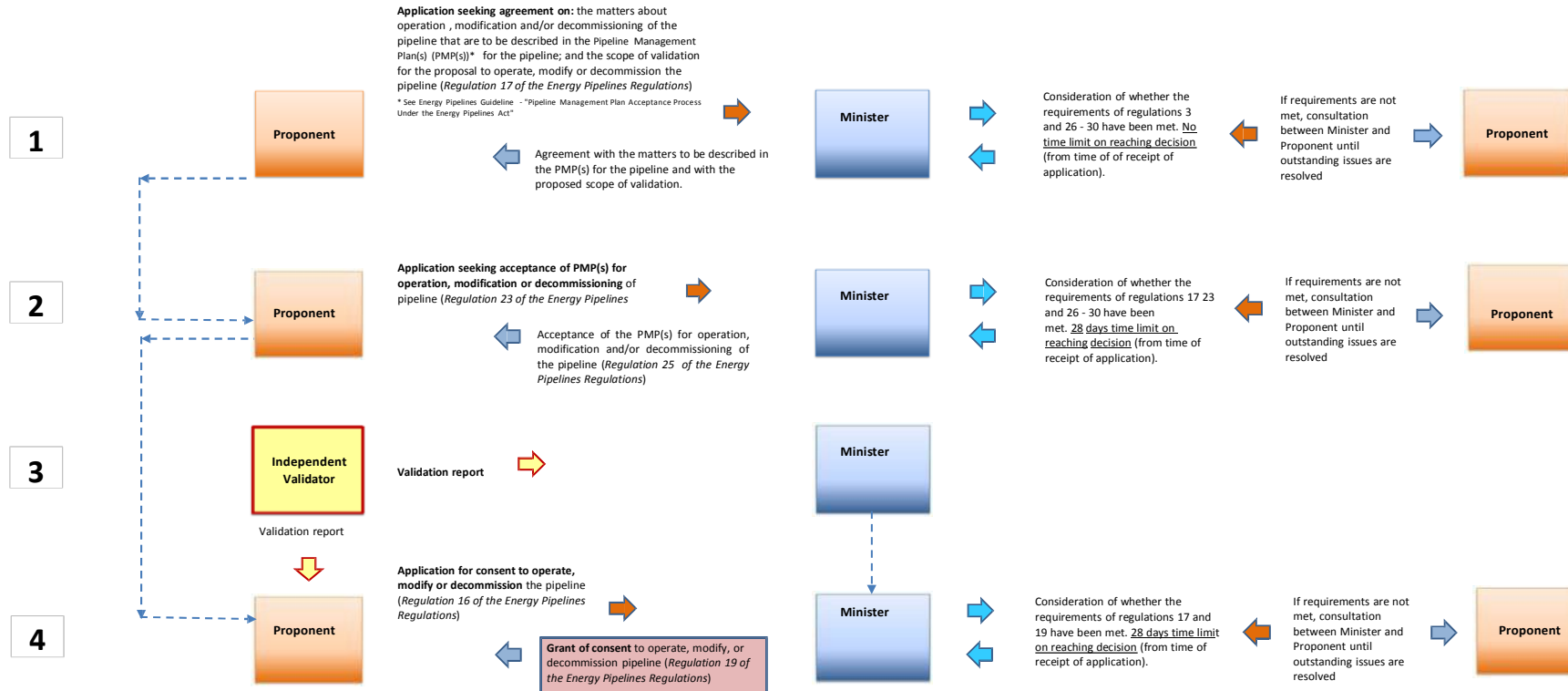


Processing Flow for Consent to Operate, Modify or Decommission Energy Pipelines *



*** NB:** While regulation 22 of the Energy Pipelines Regulations requires that a PMP providing for modification or decommissioning of a pipeline to be in force for these activities to be undertaken, as is the case for construction and operation of the pipeline, the Regulations do not require consent for carrying out these activities, but instead specify acceptable practice in other portions of regulation 22.

This approach is well adopted to handle the many situations where the modification or decommissioning operations that are being proposed are minor in scope and potential impact but is not suited for projects with considerably more implications for system integrity and/or other impacts (e.g. environmental). As a result it is Departmental policy that proposals for projects of this nature to go through the same processes as proposals for construction and operation. Please consult with the Department to determine how your proposed modification or decommissioning project should be handled.

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