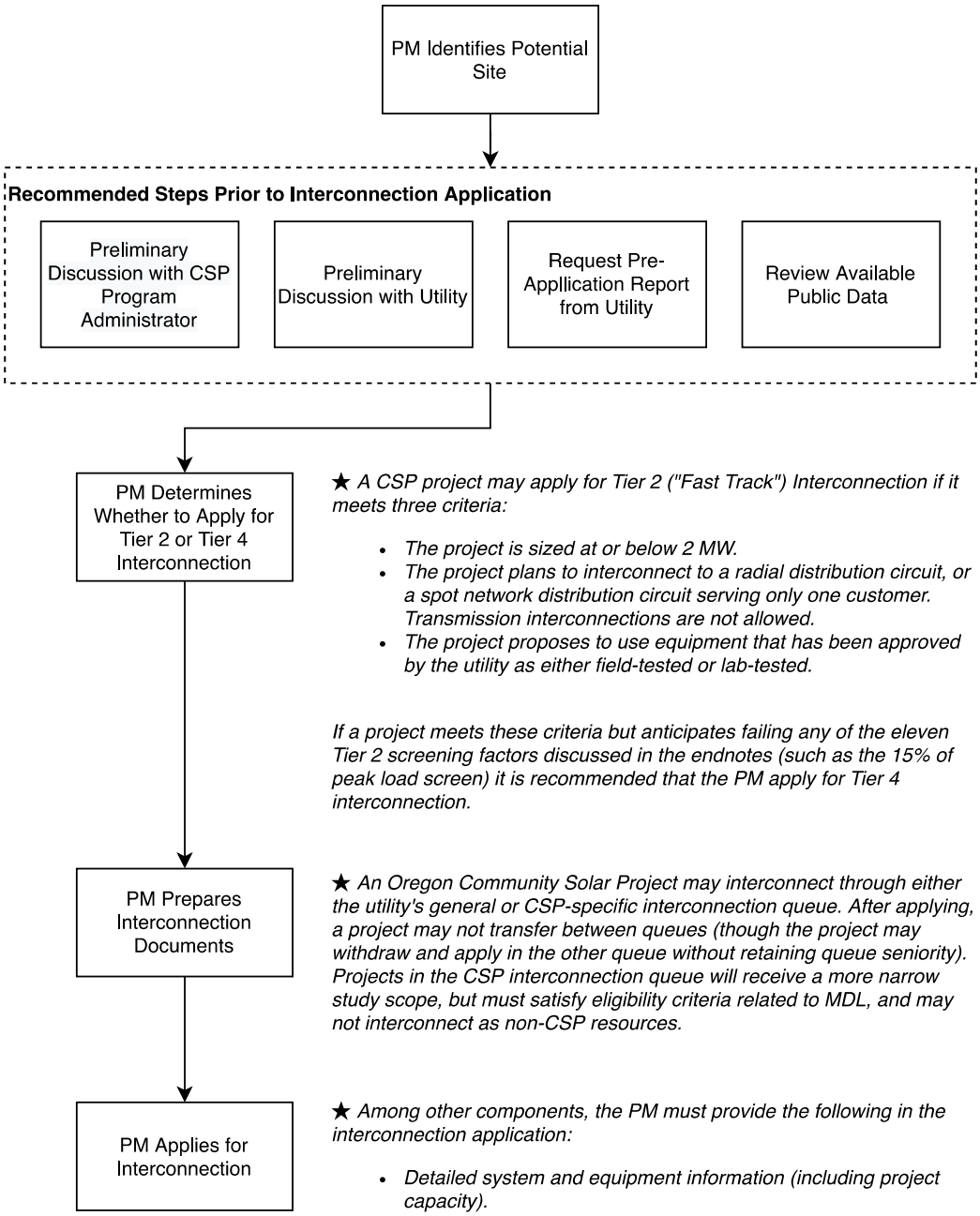INTERCONNECTION PRE-APPLICATION PROCESS