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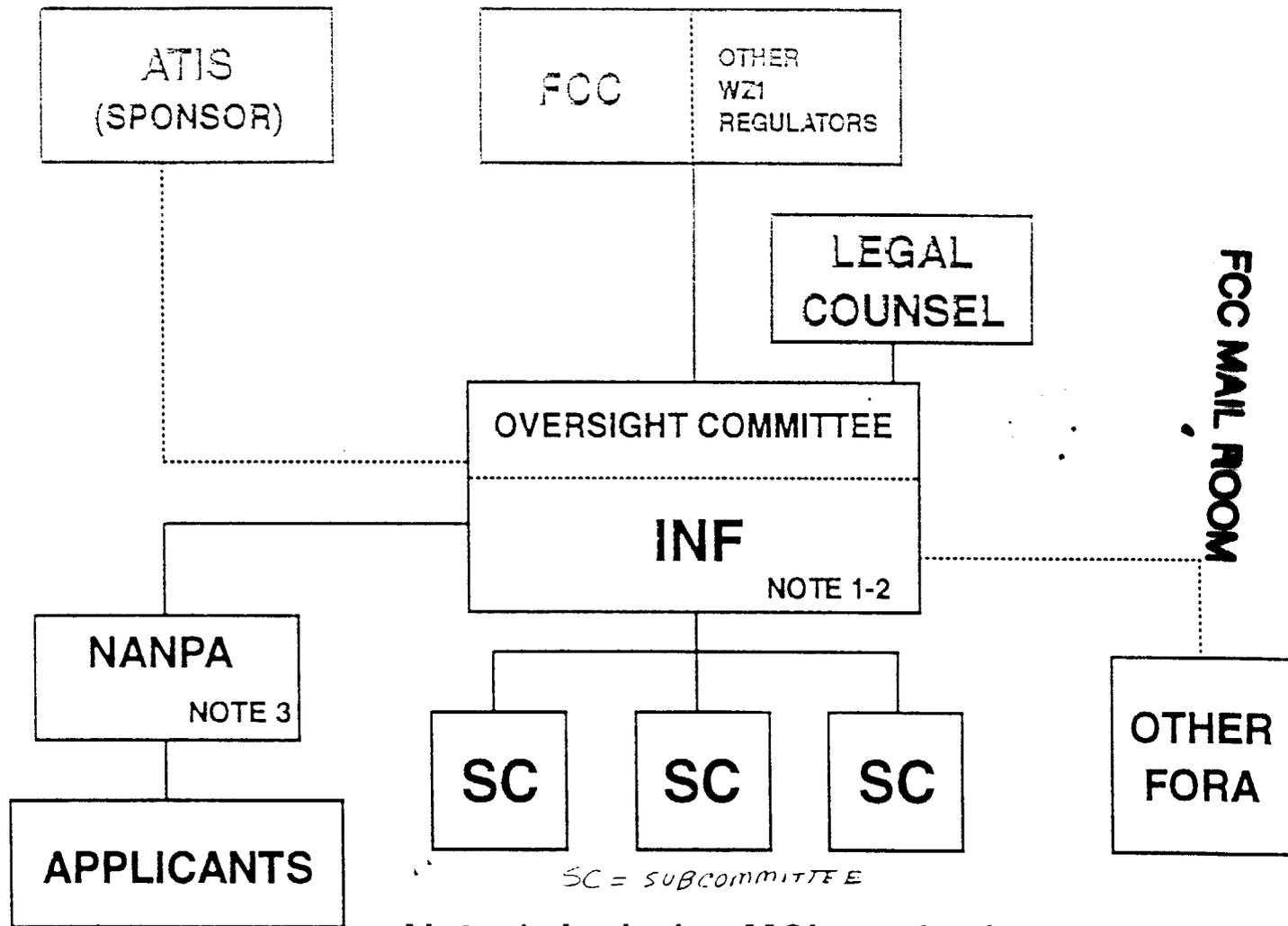
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Note 1: Includes MCI numbering process proposals with mediation January 18-20, 1994 FNF/94-002

Note 2: Primary international interface point and feeder for U.S. State Dept. SGA

Note 3: Ministerial Assignment Function

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

MCI proposes changes to the Future of Numbering Forum's (FNF's) process flow charts associated with North American Numbering Plan Administration and related activities.

Key elements proposed include:

- o A 12 Month Objective,
- o An Arbitration Process, and
- o The Regulatory/Pulic Policy Process.

MCI's proposed process flow charts are attached and highlights are included in Section 2.

## 2. PROPOSAL HIGHLIGHTS

The proposed changes Apply to the "Assignment Guideline Development Process", and the "Numbering Public Policy Process".

### A. 12 Month Objective

1. Clock Starts at issue introduction at industry numbering activity
2. Can be extended if resonable end is in sight, arbitration is not invoked, and partiies agree

### B. Arbitration Process

1. Optional
2. Any party can invoke after 9 months of issue introduction
3. Costs paid by requesting party
4. Open issues will be compiled for arbitrator's consideration
5. All parties have right to present positions and supporting arguements
6. Rulings are binding on specific industry activity
7. Rulings will be used for the "Recommended Decision" output of the industry numbering activity
8. Individual participants retain the right to file a regulatory complaint at any time

### C. Regulatory/Pulic Policy Process

1. Accepts or Rejects industry numbering activity recommend decision including arbitration results
2. Notifies industry of disposition

## B. FLOW CHART DISCUSSION

## A. Chart 1: "Assignment Guideline Development Process":

This chart presents a process for the development of assignment guidelines and adopts much of FNF's previous work. It also introduces several new concepts.

1. Arbitration: Introduction of an arbitration process alternative is one key new element. The incorporation of the proposed arbitration process insures that industry activities can be brought to a timely conclusion. Also, it is intended to reduce extensive regulator involvement while providing efficient means for regulatory oversight. The arbitration option also provides an incentive to progress industry activities within a reasonable time frame.
2. "Recommended Decision" and "Regulatory 'Acceptance'": The adoption of the Recommended Decision/Regulatory "Acceptance" concept reduces the concern that the industry process sets defacto Public Policy. Hence, adopting this recommendation explicit inclusion of the Regulatory "Acceptance" decision box provides a clear path and interface for regulatory involvement.

## B. Chart 2/2A: "Number Administration Process"

These charts provide the same information previously developed at the FNF in a reformatted version.

## C. Chart 3: "Numbering Public Policy Process"

This chart provides a flow chart for the Numbering Public Policy Process. The key elements are the "Arbitration Process" and the "Recommended Decision"/"Regulatory 'Acceptance'" processes and concepts. As in the Assignment Guideline Development Process, the arbitration process MAY be invoked by any participant, at its expense, and is binding on the industry numbering activity. Similarly, individual participants retain their right to appeal to the appropriate regulatory bodies regarding the results of the arbitration process.

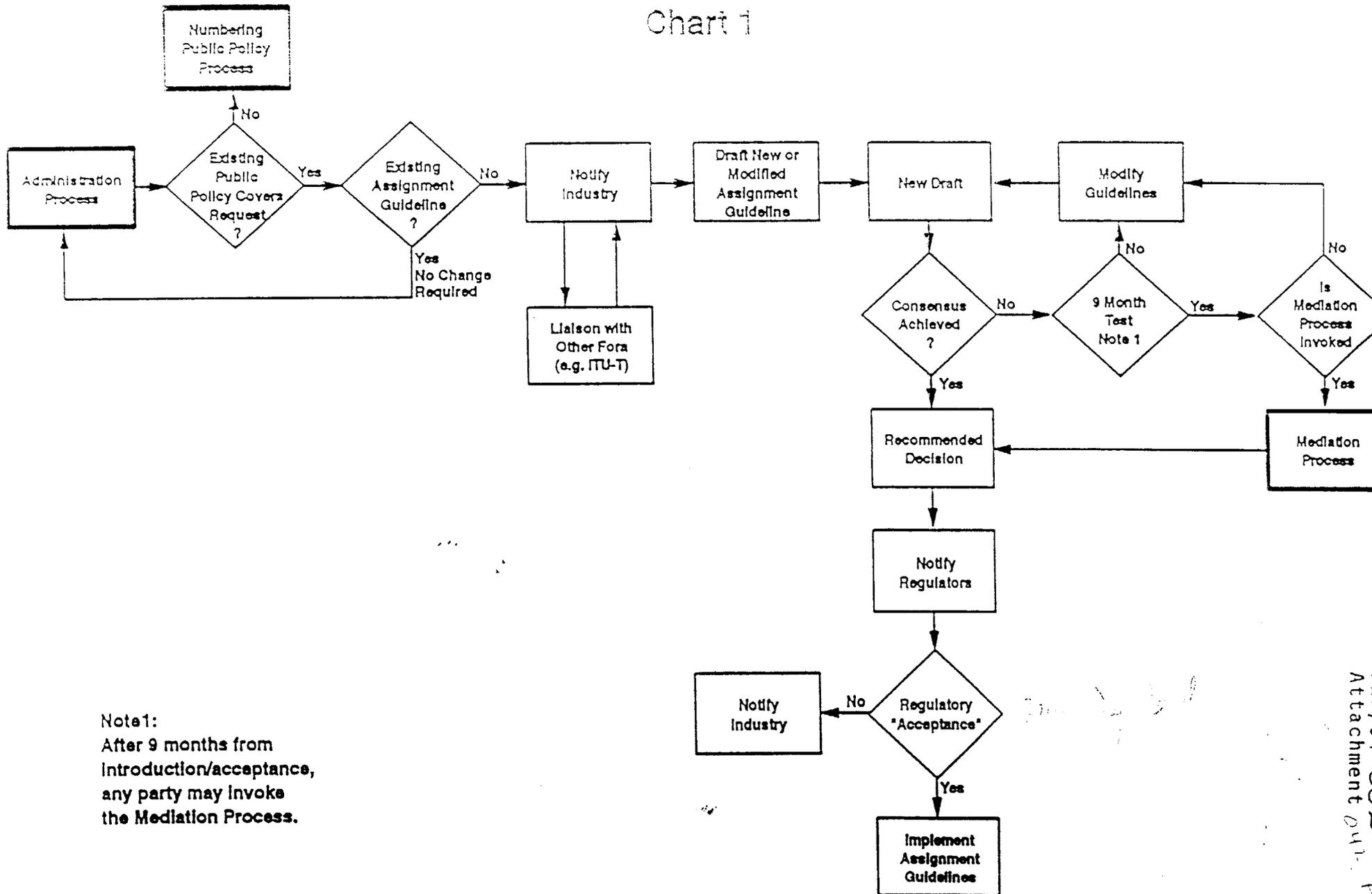
Again, with the concept of Recommended Decision/Regulatory "Acceptance", Chart 3 appropriately recognizes the role of the Regulator. The process suggested by this contribution explicitly places the Regulator in control of approving the proposed policy as opposed to just being informed of the industry's consensus opinion.

## 1. CONCLUSION

ICI urges the FNF to consider and accept the concepts included in this contribution. More detail regarding implementation and operational aspects of the "arbitration process" can be developed by the FNF through either task force and/or individual contributions.

# Assignment Guideline Development Process

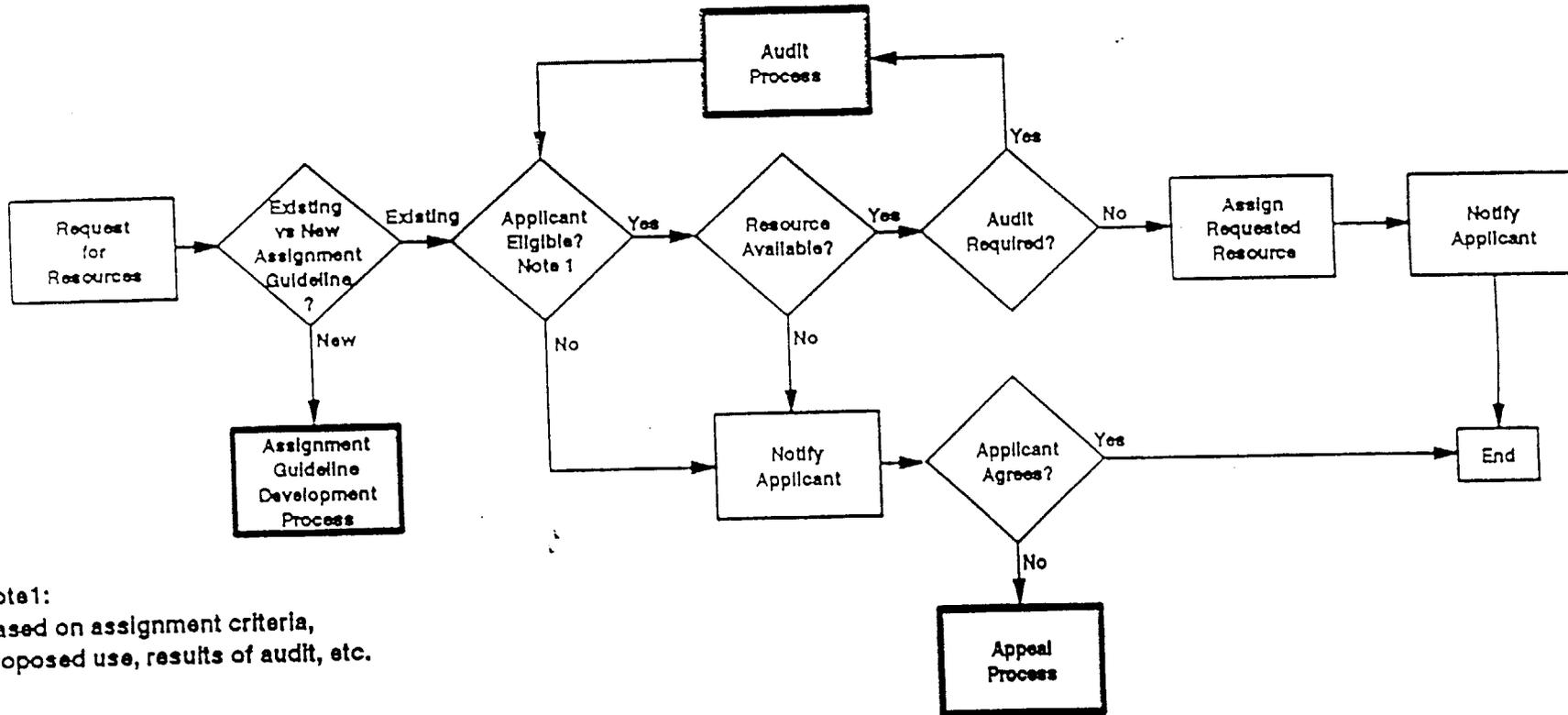
Chart 1



**Note 1:**  
 After 9 months from  
 introduction/acceptance,  
 any party may invoke  
 the Mediation Process.

# Numbering Administration Process

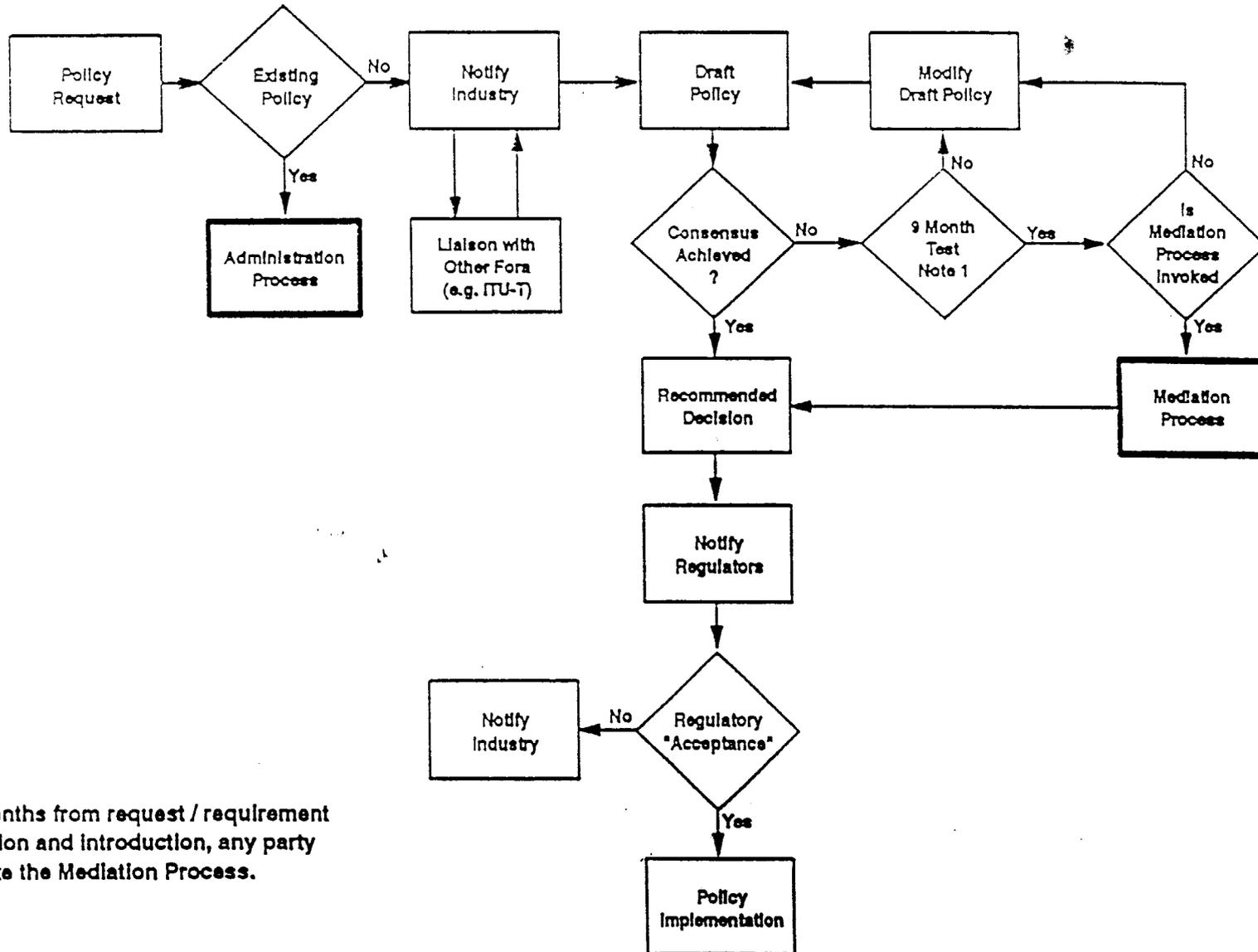
Chart 2A



Note 1:  
Based on assignment criteria,  
proposed use, results of audit, etc.

# Numbering Public Policy Process

Chart 3



**Note1:**

After 9 months from request / requirement identification and introduction, any party may invoke the Mediation Process.