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April 28, 2010

Ms. Rosemary Chiavetta, Secretary
Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission
P.O. Box 3265
Harrisburg, PA 17105-3265

RE: Application of the Department of Transportation of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for the approval to replace the existing overhead bridge where I-81 (southbound) crosses over the two tracks of the Reading Blue Mountain & Northern Railroad Company (DOT No. 361 461 E) in Delano Township, Schuylkill County; and the allocation of costs incident thereto

Dear Ms. Chiavetta:

Enclosed for filing, please find the original and three copies of the Application of the Department of Transportation.

A copy of the application and its Exhibits has been served upon the parties in the Certificate of Service attached to the application.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "G. L. Fry".

Gerald L. Fry, PE
Assistant District Executive
Engineering District 5-0

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Enclosures

**BEFORE
PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

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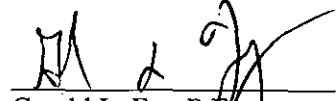
To the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission:

1. The name and address of applicant are Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Transportation, Gerald L. Fry, P.E., ADE – Design, Engineering District 5-0, 1002 Hamilton Street, PA 18101-1013.
2. The name and address of attorney for the applicant are Andrew S. Gordon, Chief Counsel, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Transportation, Office of Chief Counsel, PO Box 8212, Harrisburg, PA 17105-8212.
3. The applicant is an agency of Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, organized and existing under the Administrative Code of 1929, 71 P.S. § 511, et. seq. and generally 36 P.S. § 670 - 401 et. seq.
4. It is desirable to replace the existing bridge where I-81 (southbound) crosses over the tracks of the Reading Blue Mountain & Northern Railroad Company (DOT # 361 461 E) at milepost MP-31 located in Delano Township, Schuylkill County as part of the Department's highway project identified as I-81, Section 12B. (For location map see Exhibit "A" attached)
5. The names and addresses of the persons, parties and entities concerned in, or affected by the proposed construction, to the best of the applicant's knowledge, are shown in the certificate of service.
6. The existing bridge (Segment 1341, Offset 1075) is three (3) simple spans prestressed concrete I-beam structure that carries two (2) lanes of I-81 (southbound) over the two tracks of the Reading Blue Mountain & Northern Railroad Company. The existing bridge has an out-to-out width of 37'-0" with the existing railroad horizontal clearances to the south and north of the existing piers of approximately 24'-0" and 32'-0" respectively, and an existing railroad vertical clearance of approximately 34'-5". The proposed structure will be constructed on the same horizontal alignment as the existing bridge. The proposed structure will have an out-to-out width of approximately 43'-4 1/2" to meet current design standards with horizontal and vertical clearances meeting the railroad's requirements of 21'-0" and 23'-0" respectively. It is anticipated that construction access will be achieved by cutting a temporary access road along the embankment slope in the median area between the I-81 northbound and I-81 southbound bridges. The rail traffic will be maintained during construction through the use of temporary excavation support. The ADT for Interstate I-81 is 13,812 vehicles with 31% trucks.
7. The estimated total construction cost for the bridge replacement project is approximately \$2.5 million. The funding for construction of the project will be 90% Federal Funds and 10 % State Funds.

8. This project is necessary and proper for the safety and convenience of the public.
9. A conference of all parties of interest should be held to discuss the proposed alteration.

Wherefore, applicant respectfully requests that the Public Utility Commission to approve this application:

Respectfully Submitted:



Gerald L. Fry, P.E.
Assistant District Executive – Design
Engineering District 5-0

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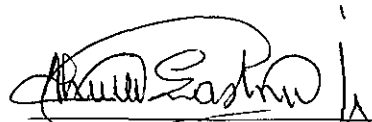
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VERIFICATION

I, Ahmed Lasloudji, hereby state that the facts above set forth are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief and that I expect to be able to prove the same at a hearing held in this matter. I understand that the statements herein are made subject to the penalties of 18 Pa.C.S. §4904 (relating to unsworn falsification to authorities).

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Ahmed Lasloudji
Grade Crossing Administrator

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this day served a true copy of the foregoing document upon the participants listed below, in accordance with the requirements of 52 Pa. Code §1.54, by first class mail, postage prepaid:

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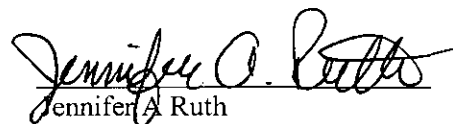
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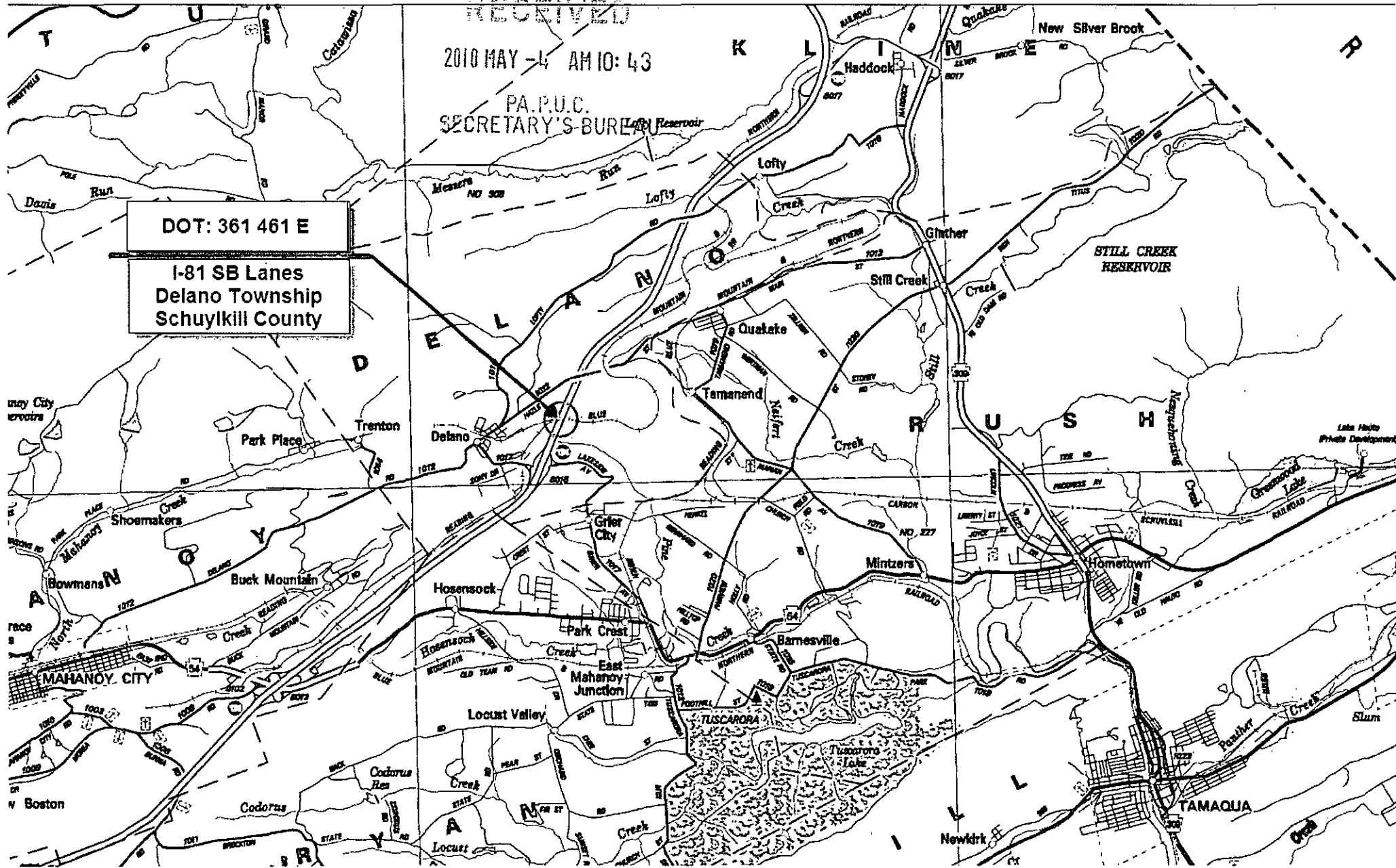
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