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BY HAND

Rosemary Chiavetta, Secretary  
Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission  
Commonwealth Keystone Building  
400 North Street, 2nd Floor North  
P.O. Box 3265  
Harrisburg, PA 17105-3265

**RE: Letter Of Notification Of PPL Electric Utilities Corporation, Filed Pursuant To 52 Pa. Code Chapter 57, Subchapter G, for Approval of the Siting and Construction of the West Trexlertown #1 & #2 138/69 kV Tap Line in Upper Macungie Township, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania - Docket No. A-2012-2284616**

Dear Secretary Chiavetta:

Enclosed for filing are the proofs of publication verifying that the Notice in the above-referenced proceeding was published in the *Morning Call* on January 3 and 10, 2012.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christopher T. Wright

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Enclosure

# Ocean Spray bottling plant OK'd

Upper Macungie supervisors say \$800,000 road improvements won't cost township.

BY SARAH PILTON  
Special to The Morning Call

Ocean Spray's land development plans for a juice-bottling plant in Upper Macungie won't face the high cost of road improvements, township officials said.

The board voted unanimously to approve the 35,000-square-foot facility at Schantz Road and Route 100 in the thick of the township's commercial-industrial corridor. It would be built on 44 acres owned by

developer David Jandl. Kenneth Mohrky, director of community development, said all township zoning and subdivision and land development requirements have been met under the plan, code-named Project Pilgrim.

However, traffic remains a concern. The plant would generate high volumes of truck traffic both delivering and hauling away products. About 150 trucks a day are estimated.

Traffic issues are expected at Doolber and Industrial drives and at Industrial Drive and Route 100. Road improvements will cost more than \$800,000. "We are very confident these will be resolved with no cost to the township," Mohrky said.

**The company plans to relocate operations at its Bordentown, N.J., site to the Upper Macungie facility.**

supervisor Chairman Edward Earley said that could be assumed.

The company plans to relocate operations at its Bordentown, N.J., site to the Upper Macungie facility. Company officials have said Ocean Spray has been assessing the need for more efficient and modern manufacturing and that its Bordentown facility is old and costly to operate. The \$10 million Upper Macungie project

could generate 161 jobs with an average salary of \$49,000.

To bring Ocean Spray in from New Jersey, Pennsylvania officials offered a \$4.53 million incentive package that included money for infrastructure improvements and job training, as well as a low-interest loan through the Pennsylvania Industrial Development Authority.

The plan approvals come with four waivers. Three are standard paperwork items, and one will allow Ocean Spray to exceed the maximum roadway width and install wider lanes for truck traffic on the road accessing the property.

Ocean Spray, based in Massachusetts, manufactures cranberry juice blends, Craisins, dried fruits and other foods. Sarah Pilton is a freelance writer.

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## ROAD WARRIOR

### Span of time irks motorists

*Q: Why is there absolutely no progress on the 16th Street Bridge repair in Allentown? It seems like it's been at a standstill forever. This is a major city artery, one that I use frequently, still closed to northbound traffic. Our six dollars at work? Somebody stopped the ball on this one and I am fed up.*

— Rob Pothering, Lower Macungie Township

A: You're not the only disgruntled passenger in this vehicle, Rob. Cheryl Healy, Chris Schmidt, Bert Lindemann, Bill Becker, Tricia Perkins and James Allender, all of Allentown, and Phyllis Gula and Dale Heffelfinger, both of Whitehall Township, have been among those asking the same question, sometimes repeatedly, in recent months.

The city slammed the brakes on all northbound 16th Street traffic just south of the bridge on Nov. 30 — of 2010, some 15 months ago. The closure prompted motorists to expect the demolition of the old bridges (actually there are two) and their replacement with new spans to commence, if not immediately, then fairly soon. That impression was mistaken as it turned out — the bridge was closed to prevent further damage to the deteriorating support structure, not in anticipation of the start of construction — but even so, this project has stretched into a lengthy journey, with the tarping passengers growing ever crankier. I've received a number of anonymous emails as well, and the city has been getting queries.

So what's the deal? At the starting line, a July 2010 inspection revealed that corrosion of support beams and other problems primarily on the northbound (east) side of the bridge had advanced to the point where a 30-ton weight limit was imposed immediately.

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## ROAD WARRIOR ONLINE

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## Jane Moyer of Forks still works for Historical and Genealogical Society.

BY SAMANTHA MARCUS  
of The Morning Call

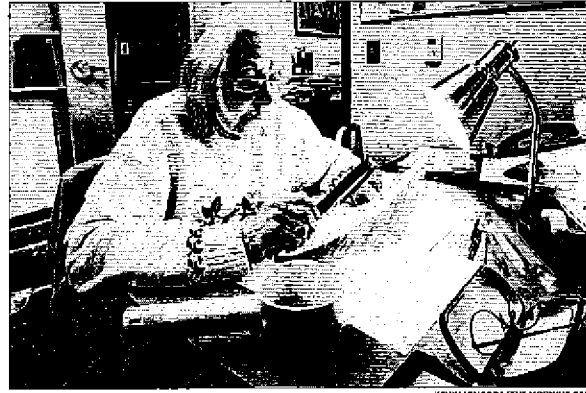
Jane Moyer is navigating the stacks and vertical files of the Northampton County Historical and Genealogical Society's small, but well-stocked and well-maintained library in Easton's Sigal Museum.

Her walker is a nuisance. Nothing more. She makes no mention of the library she's surveying bears her name or that colleagues and friends will hold a celebration on Sunday to mark her 100th birthday and 75 years as a volunteer for the organization.

In this encounter, Moyer is exactly how most people have come to know her. No-nonsense, a little off-kilter at first — the sort of librarian who probably wouldn't just say "shut it" but back it up with some action — but warming as she describes her beloved "detective" work, and loathe to talk about herself.

Moyer worked for the Easton Area Public Library for 45 years — almost half as

## A LIFETIME OF SERVICE



Jane Moyer, a volunteer librarian for the Northampton County Historical and Genealogical Society, sorts through a magazine to find local articles for the library that bears her name at Easton's Sigal Museum.

## Librarian with 76 years as volunteer turns 100

head librarian — until her retirement in 1977.

In 1935, she began working part time as a librarian for the Northampton County Historical and Genealogical Society, but gave up her salary six months later.

Over the next 76 years, she put in a conservatively estimated 28,000 hours cataloging reference materials and solving inquiries into family trees, antique furniture and old farmhouses.

Such longevity has afforded her the chance to build and oversee the evolution of a library collection with roots in a county rich in history.

"It means a lot to me, my work," the Forks Township resident said. "I guess they appreciate what I've done, and I guess they want to honor me, and I'll accept it, I guess."

Even today as she turns 100, Moyer will faithfully put in her usual five-hour day. On Sunday, nearly 100 people will cast Moyer at a private birthday celebration at the Sigal Museum.

"This isn't the first time the society has recognized Jane's extreme dedication and talent," Executive Director Barbara Kovitz said.

"The library is named after her for good reason. Through the years she's been submitted for all kinds of awards. But this date around is something special. When someone is celebrating a milestone birth-

day, it gives us an extra-special opportunity to look back over the years," Kovitz said. Looking back herself, Moyer says her work at the society has a source of comfort, but one that displaced other interests.

"There are many things I would have liked to do but I didn't do because I dedicated myself to this," she said. "I think if I had talent enough I would write, but that takes time. This takes privacy."

Kovitz said Moyer has a constant standard for herself and her customers: People should do important things with their lives.

Certainly it's what compels her to continue putting in four days a week despite the aches and pains of the day.

"This is somebody who gets up at 5 a.m. every day, does her chores and gets ready to go to work despite the fact that her arthritis may be acting up a lot, but she has things to do," Kovitz said. "I think she's just the sort of person for whom there are minor nuisances that you just have to deal with."

Moyer has an exacting knowledge of the volumes in her collection. If she leaves the impression that she is, in fact, no-nonsense, it's because she expects a level of scholarly approach.

"Jane will automatically relate with a researcher who has all their books lined

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The new substation and transmission line will be built on property owned by PPL Electric which is located at the intersection of Lang Lane and Tillage Road. The new transmission line has a length approximately 1,100 feet, from PPL Electric's existing AT&T ROAD #1 & #2 138 kV (two 69 kV) Tap Line to the proposed West Doolberstown 138-12 kV Substation. The power line will be designed for double circuit 138 kV operation. However, it will initially be constructed with a single tap single feed configuration and will initially operate at 69 kV.

On January 30, 2011, PPL Electric held a "Letter of Notification" with the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (PUC), which must approve the project before work can begin. A copy of the "Letter of Notification" is available for public inspection on weekdays during business hours at the following location:

PPL Lehigh Service Center  
817 Lehigh Road  
Allentown, PA 18104-9192

If you wish to participate in the process before the PUC, you should contact the PUC at the following address:

Rosemary Chiavara, Esquire  
Secretary  
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900, Box 3265  
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As a reference aid, be sure to include the project's "deck number" which is: 2011-2284416.

For more information please contact Kathy Frazier at PPL Electric at: 610-774-3372.

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# Skate Plaza to double in usable space

New features at the Bethlehem facility slated to include a 10 stair handrail.

By NICOLE RABZEVIC  
of The Morning Call

Bethlehem Skate Plaza, a concrete collage of obstacles inspired by skate spots around the world, will nearly double in size by the end of summer.

The second phase, which came in at \$329,865 at Thursday's bid opening, will include 10,200 square feet of skating space including a 10 stair — steps that replicate the famous handrail at New York's Brooklyn Banks, which is temporarily closed. Currently the park is 40,000 square feet, with about 23,000 square feet of skating space.

The feature will include a 40-by-37-foot platform. The platform and steps could be ridden by bicycles and skaters or the platform could serve as venue for contact jujitsu or activities such as flea markets or benefit concerts.

"This opens the Skate Plaza up for national competitions and really fulfills the mission we set out with when we built the plaza a community destination," said Ralph Carr, city director of parks and public property.

Work is expected to begin in March and be completed by the second week in



Cory Reubs of Bethlehem rides at the Bethlehem Skate Plaza on Tuesday. By August, an expanded park will have nearly the current skating space, officials say.

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August, Carr said.

The \$750,000 park opened in July 2010 in south Bethlehem after two years of fundraising and more than a decade of lobbying by teens and young adults looking for a place to store and bike without being shooed by authorities for damaging public property. While the city features dozens of playgrounds and sports

fields, there was no place to grind and do tricks on skates or a bike.

What the skaters and cyclists got was the Lehigh Valley's largest skate park, featuring 600 cubic feet of concrete obstacles: ledges, pyramids and funnels. The park, between Steel and Daly avenues, is a stop along the city's rail-to-trails park, which meanders through

businesses and neighborhoods on the South side.

Most days, the park is packed — especially during the recent mild winter weather.

"We get a lot of kids that come to town on the weekends and stay over to come here," said Andy Pa, owner of Ironhorse Skateshop and a driving force behind the plaza. "Including more features for skateboarding and BMXing is a positive thing and will bring even more people here."

The second phase will have not only advanced features like the 10 stair but also smaller obstacles where beginners can practice stunts, Pa said.

The features reflect the street-style stunts that athletes would encounter in urban areas, but future phases could include some stunts that "transition skaters" enjoy: the howl. That replicates the empty swimming pools that skateboarders once used in the absence of skate parks.

Among the various efforts are seeking naming rights sponsorships and sponsorships.

The expansion comes as other Lehigh Valley communities from Easton to Emmaus discuss opening their own skate parks.

Enthusiasts say there's not another park like Bethlehem's closer than Kettering, Ohio, 530 miles away. Another come by the hundreds each weekend to the seven-year-old park in Kettering.

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# Apartment-retail complex plans scaled back

But development, proposed for land along Route 191, still concerns some residents, Bethlehem Township officials.

By CHARLES MALINCHAK  
Special to The Morning Call

All but one of the Bethlehem Township commissioners told a developer to move ahead carefully with plans to build 312 luxury apartments and several retail stores on Route 191 that some claim will create a mess of the environment and adjoining Housenick Memorial Park.

New Jersey-based Woodmont Properties wants to build the complex, which would include 25,000 square feet of retail stores, on more than 20 acres that is currently owned by Central Moravian

Church near Oakland Road. Woodmont partner Mike Perrucci of Bethlehem said the plans are scaled-back from the original version presented in October. The new plan calls for 312 apartments instead of 420.

That October meeting was attended by about 60 people who said the project would aggravate existing flooding and traffic problems, visually impact the park and ruin wildlife habitat and the Monocacy Creek.

The Monday night meeting had only two expressing opposition in addition to Commissioner Tom Nolan, who said, "I am totally opposed to this development."

The other commissioners took the stance that plans should proceed with careful consideration to the environment, flooding, traffic and the park. The project still must go through many municipal and state approvals including re-zoning from

residential to one allowing commercial and high-density housing.

Perrucci said plans for the project were downsized as a result of the concerns aired at the October meeting. The plans also reduce the number of number of garages from 160 to 80 and pushed the buildings to the center of the property allowing for a 40-foot buffer where the property touches Christian Springs Road.

Other concerns Perrucci said are addressed include stormwater run-off that would be handled by a larger retention basin, a new Oakland Road-route 191 intersection to improve traffic movement and the buffer, which would visually shield the complex from Housenick Park.

Senior Central Moravian Church Pastor Carol Reifinger said the land was willed to the church by Elizabeth Johnston Prime, sister of Janet Johnston Housenick who gave the township the land that is now

Housenick Memorial Park.

Reifinger said the church will keep 5 acres for a spiritual retreat, and proceeds of the land sale to Woodmont would help fund the retreat and the church.

She said Woodmont was chosen because it is a quality developer, which would build with respect to the community.

Speaking against the project was Virginia Barajas, a Bethlehem city resident and an environmental science graduate student at Arcadia University, and township Recreation Commission Chairman Barry Roth, both of whom said run-off from the complex's impervious surfaces would erode Monocacy Creek and bring much more flooding.

Also citing it as a cause for further traffic congestion and bringing unwanted retail space, she said, it makes no sense.

Charles Malinchak is a freelance writer.

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