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Rosemary Chiavetta, Secretary  
Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission  
Commonwealth Keystone Building  
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Harrisburg, PA 17105-3265

PA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION  
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In re: Docket No. A-\_\_\_\_\_ Application of Windstream Pennsylvania, LLC for Approval of a Crossing of Norfolk Southern Railway (AAR DOT #471942B) along State Route 215 in East Springfield, Springfield Township, Erie County, Pennsylvania.

Dear Secretary Chiavetta:

Enclosed for filing on behalf of Windstream Pennsylvania, LLC are an original of an Application for Approval of a Norfolk Southern Railway (AAR DOT #471942B) along State Route 215 in East Springfield, Springfield Township, Erie County, Pennsylvania. Due to concerns with meeting the established timeline, the Company would very much appreciate expedited processing of the Application. Copies of the Application are being served upon the persons and in the manner set forth on the certificate of service attached to it.

If you have any questions, please contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Nicole Winters".

Nicole Winters

Enclosure  
cc: Certificate of Service

**BEFORE  
PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

In re: Application of Windstream Pennsylvania, LLC for approval of the alteration of the crossing (AAR DOT# 471942B) by the installation of aerial fiber facilities where State Route 215 crosses at grade, the tracks of Norfolk Southern Railway, located in East Springfield, Springfield Township, Erie County, PA

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To Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission:

1. The name and address of applicant are Windstream Pennsylvania, LLC, 4001 Rodney Parham Road, Little Rock, AR 72212.
2. Windstream Pennsylvania, LLC (Windstream) is an incumbent local exchange carrier certificated by the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission to provide local exchange service to the public in portions of Pennsylvania. Windstream submits this application pursuant to Chapter 27 of the Public Utility Code, 66 Pa.C.S. Chapter 27.
3. Along the north east side of State Route 215 approximately 2,926' North East of MP#108, Windstream intends to attach a 154' span of (1) 24-count fiber optic cable to two existing poles in East Springfield, Springfield Township, Erie County, Pennsylvania to expand its service capabilities and improve service quality. The fiber optic communication facility will be aerial. See attached pole/construction detail map (Exhibit A), location map (Exhibit B), and miscellaneous supporting information (Exhibit C).
4. The public utilities, municipalities, corporations and property owners concerned in, or affected by the crossing alteration, to the best of the Applicant's knowledge, are identified in Exhibit D.
5. Windstream will pay all costs of construction of the aerial communication line, as well as be responsible for installing, maintaining and inspecting the facilities.
6. The alteration is necessary or proper in order for Windstream to provide adequate, efficient, and reasonable service to the public.

Wherefore, applicant prays your Honorable Commission to approve the application:

Respectfully submitted,



Nicole Winters  
Windstream Pennsylvania, LLC  
(501) 748-6313

## VERIFICATION

I, Nicole Winters, hereby state that the facts above set forth are true and correct (or 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).

Date: 10/14/13

Nicole Winters  
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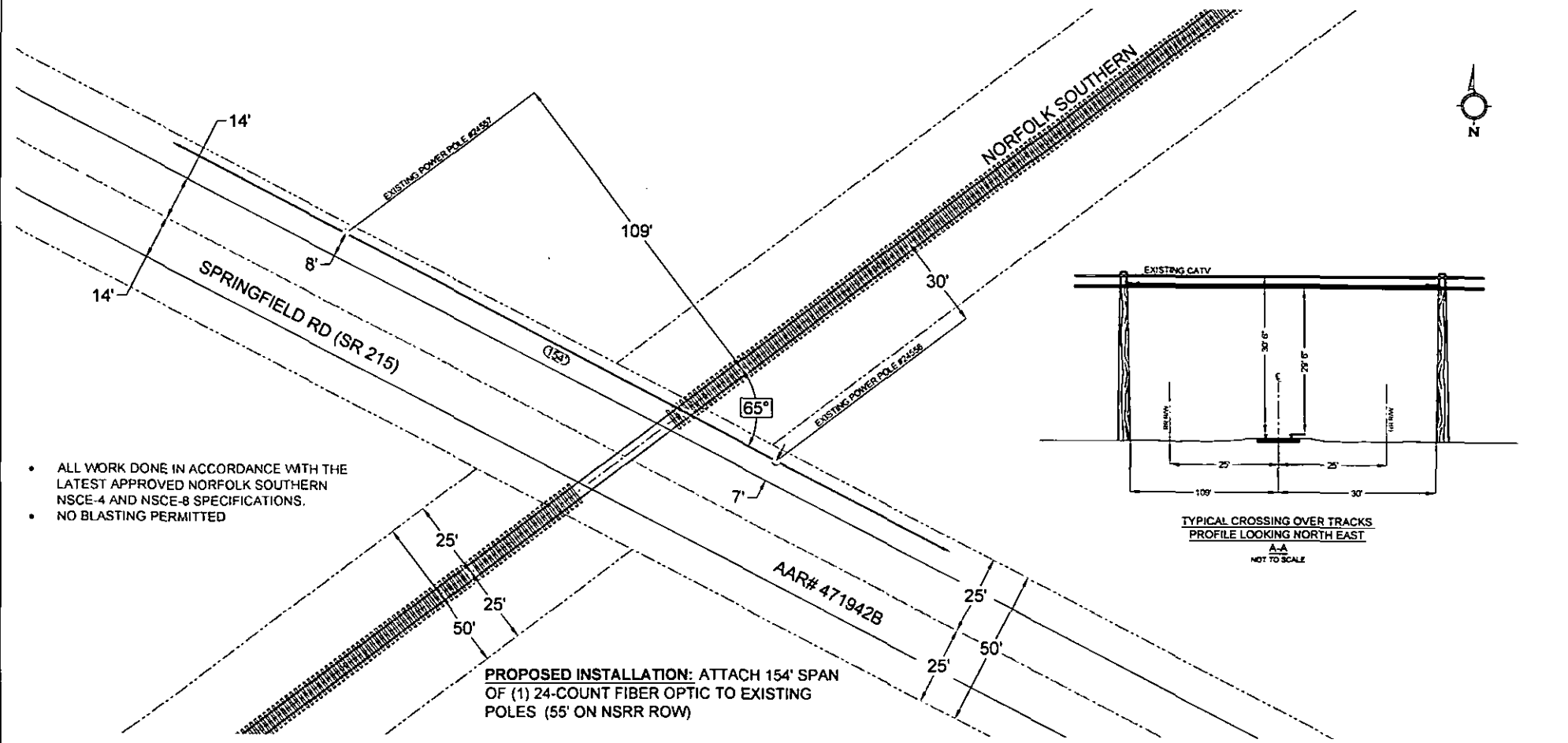
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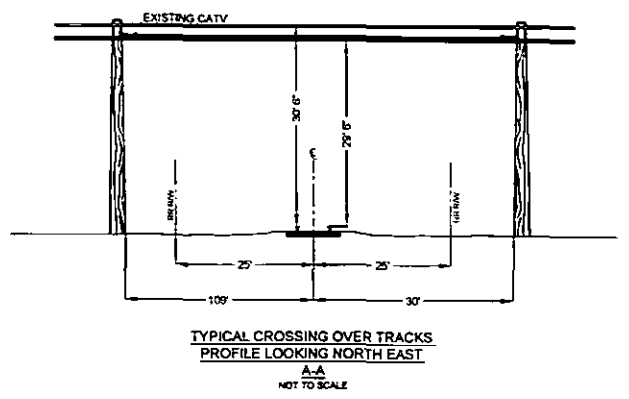
EXHIBIT A

POLE/CONSTRUCTION DETAIL  
MAP

**NORFOLK SOUTHERN & SR 215  
 SPRINGFIELD TWP, INDIANA COUNTY, PA  
 AERIAL TRANSVERSE**



- ALL WORK DONE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LATEST APPROVED NORFOLK SOUTHERN NSCE-4 AND NSCE-8 SPECIFICATIONS.
- NO BLASTING PERMITTED



**PROPOSED INSTALLATION: ATTACH 154' SPAN OF (1) 24-COUNT FIBER OPTIC TO EXISTING POLES (55' ON NSRR ROW)**

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Network Services  
 5020 Smythe Drive  
 Evansville, IN 47715  
 Phone (812) 253-4673

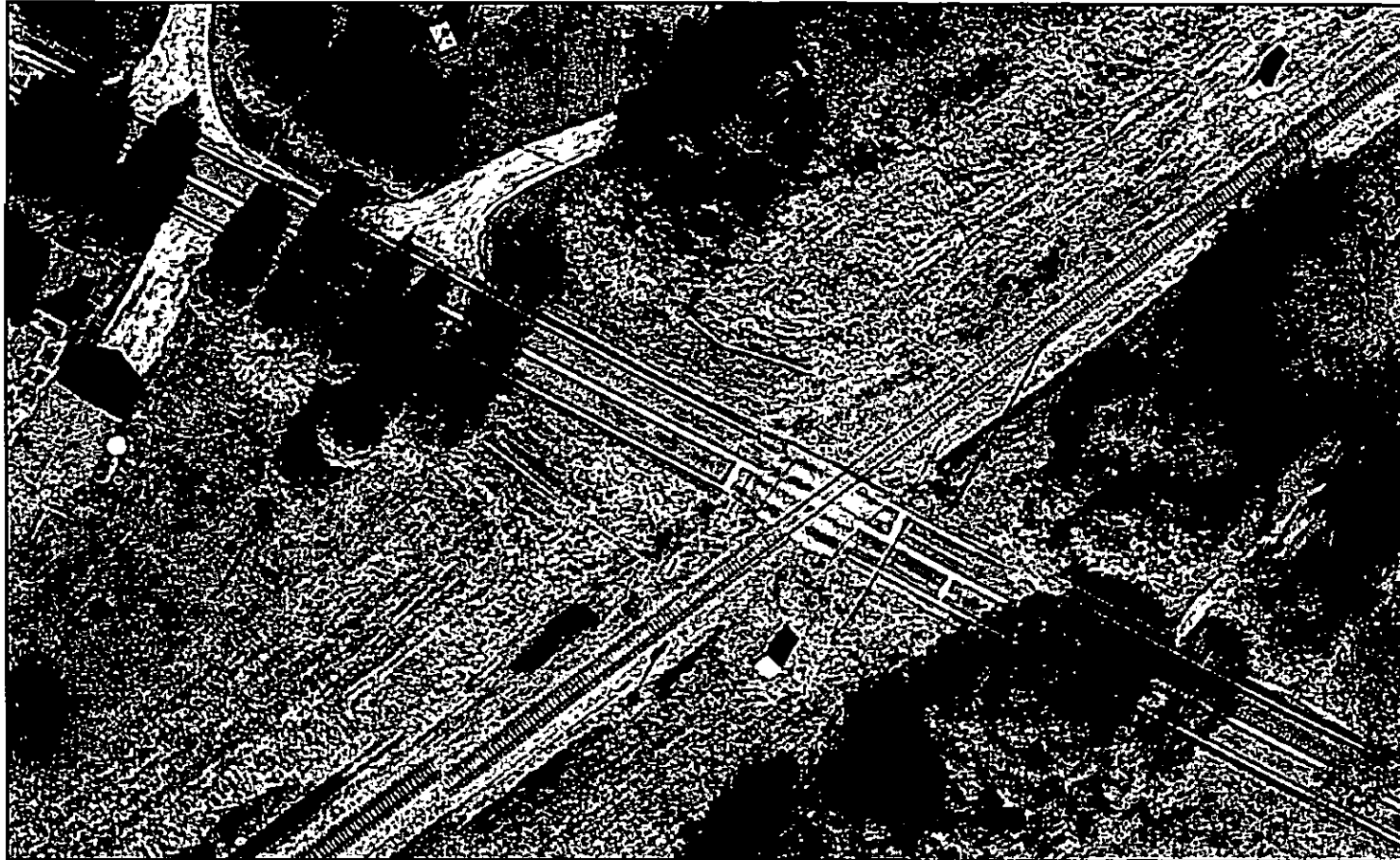
**NAME/ PROJECT LOCATION**

**NORFOLK SOUTHERN & SR 215  
 SPRINGFIELD TWP, INDIANA COUNTY, PA  
 AERIAL TRANSVERSE**

City: East Springfield
County: Erie
State: Pennsylvania
Latitude: N 41.981142
Longitude: W 80.406919
Township: Springfield

Date: 06/04/2013
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**EXHIBIT B**

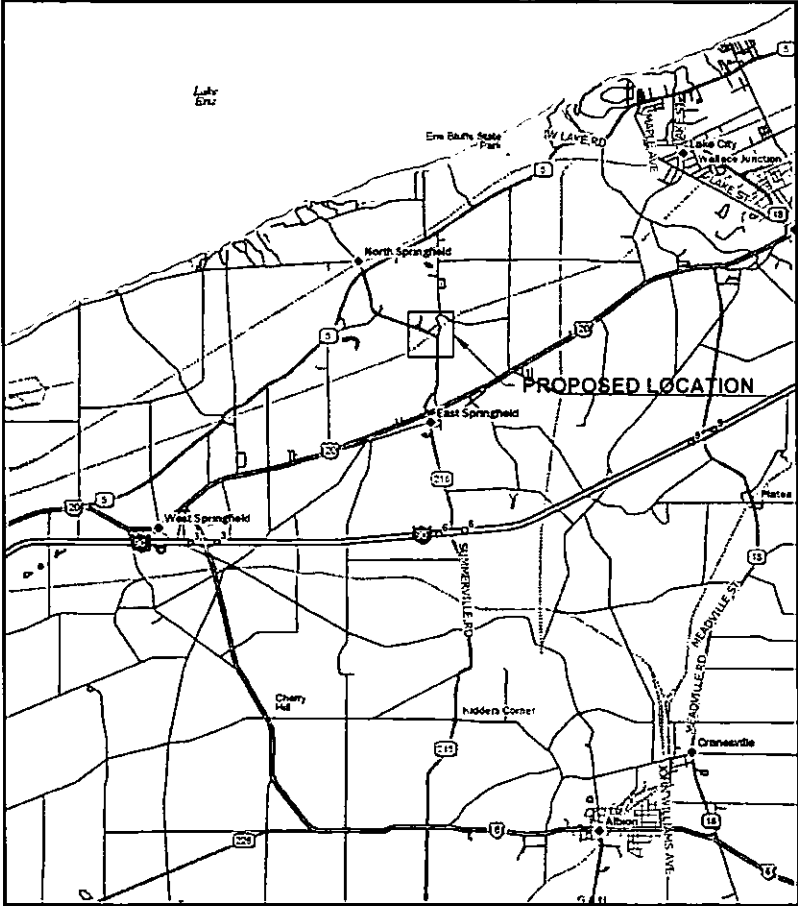
**LOCATION MAP**

# Windstream Pennsylvania, LLC

Norfolk Southern Railway & SR 215

Springfield Township

East Springfield, Erie County, Pennsylvania



  
**LOCATION  
MAP**  
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### INDEX OF DRAWING(S).

SHEET NO.	DRAWING TITLE
SHT. 01	COVER/TITLE SHEET
SHT. 02	DRAWING PLAN
SHT. 03	AERIAL LOCATION MAP

### CONTACT LIST

**PERMIT REPRESENTATIVE:**  
 Windstream Communications  
 Chrs. Wathen  
 OSP - Analyst I-Engineering  
 Telephone No. (812) 253-4673  
 Chrs.Wathen@windstream.com  
  
**PROJECT ENGINEER:**  
 Windstream Communications  
 Larry Barton  
 OSP Engineer II  
 Telephone No. (814) 333-0289

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MISCELLANEOUS SUPPORTING  
INFORMATION

APPLICATION FOR PIPE OR WIRE OCCUPANCY

Please answer all questions and direct cover letter / project description, completed application, application fee, and three (3) copies of project plans to:

**AECOM**  
1700 Market Street  
16<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Philadelphia, PA 19103  
(215) 735-0832  
Attn: NS Pipe and Wire Administrator

- 1) Legal name and address of Project Sponsor (i.e. the party that will operate and maintain the facility) for use in preparation of official documents:

Legal Name\*: Windstream Pennsylvania, LLC  
Street: 4001 N Rodney Parham Rd  
City: Little Rock State: AR Zip: 72212  
Taxpayer ID#: 25-1145739

\*Please ensure that the exact legal name is provided with no abbreviations.

Sponsor's Contact Information:

Contact Name: Chris Wathen  
Title: Analyst I - Engineering  
Street: 5020 Smythe Drive  
City: Evansville State: IN Zip: 47715  
Telephone: 812.253.4673 Fax: 330.486.4050  
E-Mail Address: Chris.Wathen@windstream.com

Sponsor is a:

- Corporation – give state of formation: \_\_\_\_\_
- Limited Partnership – give state of formation: \_\_\_\_\_
- Limited Liability Company – give state of formation PA
- General Partnership – give state of formation: \_\_\_\_\_
- Sole Proprietorship – give state of formation: \_\_\_\_\_
- Individual
- Government Entity
- Other (and state of formation): \_\_\_\_\_

- 2) Name and Address of Project Sponsor's Representative or Consultant (i.e. the party that will coordinate the project, leave blank if none or same as Sponsor):

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
Company: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_  
E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_



3) Provide location information as outlined below:

City/Municipality: East Springfield County: Erie State: PA

GPS Coordinates: Latitude: 41.981142 Longitude: -80.406919

Distance 2,926 (feet) and direction North from Railroad Mile Post No. 108 or from centerline of public grade crossing or bridge carrying 21' N of C/L SR 215 (name of road), AAR/DOT Crossing Number 471942B

4) Will the portion of the project that impacts railroad property lie entirely within an existing public road right of way?

Yes\*  No

**\* If yes, provide conclusive evidence in the form of a letter or memo from the appropriate Road Authority indicating that proposed installation is acceptable to the Road Authority**

Street pavement width: 28' Street Right of Way width: 50'

Road Authority Responsible for Street Maintenance:

Name: Pennsylvania Department of Transportation District 1-0  
Street: 255 Elm St  
City: Oil City State: PA Zip: 16301  
Telephone: 814.678.7085 Fax: 814.678.7010  
E-Mail Address: dacyphert@pa.gov

5) Proposed work involves (check all that apply):

- Installation of a new facility
- Inspection or routine maintenance of an existing facility\*
- Replacement or change in the character and content of an existing facility\*

**\*Please include with the application a copy of the existing agreement between the Project Sponsor and Norfolk Southern (or its predecessor) to ensure prompt handling**

6) Proposed timeframe for construction:

Start Date: Within 180 days of approval Duration: 1 day

7) Is this project being performed per Norfolk Southern request? If so, provide the following information about the Norfolk Southern employee who requested the work:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_  
Reason for Request: \_\_\_\_\_

Submission of this application does not guarantee project acceptance by Norfolk Southern or convey any right to enter Norfolk Southern property.

Signature: *Ch. Wato* Date: 06/04/2013



Aerial Wire Lines or Cable Lines (Complete all Applicable Information)

- a) Type of Proposed Installation:
  - i)  Transverse Crossing Only
  - ii)  Longitudinal (parallel to tracks) Occupancy Only
  - iii)  Longitudinal and Transverse Crossing(s)
  - iv)  Wire line in highway under railroad bridge
  - v)  Wire line on highway bridge over railroad
- b) Type of wire:  Cable TV  Telephone  Electric Power  Fiber Optic  
 Other – please specify: \_\_\_\_\_
- c) Are the poles existing or new poles? Steel or wood poles?  
 Existing:  Steel or  Wood  
 New:  Steel or  Wood
- d) Will there be any guy wires on or over the Railroad right of way?  
 Yes, number of guy wires - \_\_\_\_\_  No
- e) Will wire line cross existing Railroad communication and/or signal lines?  
 Yes  No
- f) Minimum height of wire above top of rail at 65°F 29'-6" (feet)  
 Minimum height of wire above railroad communication and signal wires at 65°F \_\_\_\_\_ (feet)
- g) Specification of Wire Line:  
 Gauge of Wire: N/A  
 Total Number of Wires: 24  
 Material of Wire: Fiber Optic  
 Maximum circuit voltage: N/A  
 Total Number of Fibers or Pairs in Cable: 24

All wire line applications shall include a Plan and Profile View of the proposed facility. See the NSCE-4 for the required format. Below is a suggested check-list for your plan development.

Plan View (See NSCE-4 Specification, Plate I for sample plan)

- All railroad tracks shown
- Indicates distance (in feet) to Norfolk Southern Mile Post or Grade Crossing
- Angle of Crossing relative to railroad track(s)
- Dimensioned Property Lines
- Location of Poles and distance from edge of pole to nearest railroad track centerline
- Location of all existing railroad communications lines and all utility lines
- Indicate span length across tracks from pole to pole
- If proposed wire line is within highway limits or in the vicinity of a grade crossing, location and type of grade crossing traffic control devices (Mast flashers, cantilever flashers, gates, etc.) and clearance from existing devices to proposed wire line / poles

Profile View (See NSCE-4 Specification, Plate II for sample plan)

- All railroad tracks shown
- Dimensioned Property Lines
- Location of Poles and distance from edge of pole to nearest railroad track centerline
- Vertical clearance from top of rail to bottom of sag for all tracks
- Location of all existing railroad communications lines and all utility lines
- Vertical clearance between existing railroad pole lines and proposed wire line
- Indicate span length across tracks from pole to pole
- If proposed wire line is within highway limits or in the vicinity of a grade crossing, location and type of grade crossing traffic control devices (Mast flashers, cantilever flashers, gates, etc.) and clearance from existing devices to proposed wire line



# EXHIBIT D

## INTERESTED PARTIES

Office of Chief Counsel - PennDOT  
Attn: Counsel in Charge  
P.O. Box 8212  
Harrisburg, PA 17105-8212

Norfolk Southern Railway  
Three Commercial Place  
Norfolk, Virginia 23510

R.O.W. and Utility Division  
Bureau of Design - PennDOT  
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Harrisburg, PA 17105-3362

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Pennsylvania Electric Company  
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Erie, PA 16509

Erie County  
140 West Sixth Street  
Erie, PA 16501

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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 § 1.54 (*relating to service by participant*).

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Dated this 14<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2013

Nicole Winters  
(Signature)

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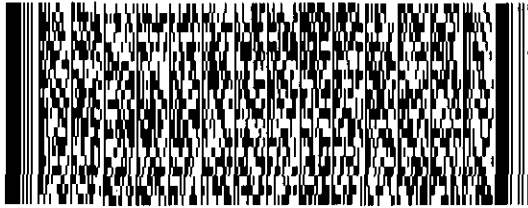
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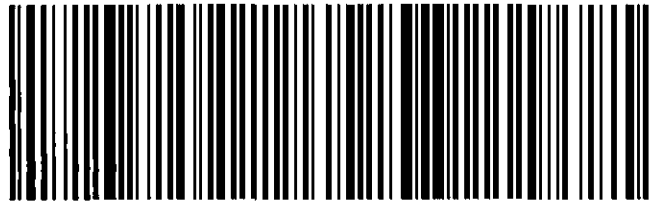
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