



March 6, 2015

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

In re: Application of the Department of Transportation of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for approval to alter the public at-grade crossing (DOT No. 148 901 K) by the installation of new train activated automatic gates and circuitry where Horatio Street crosses, at-grade, the single track of the Buffalo and Pittsburgh Railroad, Inc. located in the Borough of Punxsutawney, Jefferson County; **All in accordance with the Federal Grade Crossing Program;** and the allocation of costs incident thereto.

Dear Secretary Chiavetta:

Enclosed for filing are the original of the application of the Department of Transportation.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. P. Dubovi, III", is written over a horizontal line.

Joseph P. Dubovi, III, P.E.
District Executive
Engineering District 10

Enclosure

**BEFORE
PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

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Application
Docket No. _____

To the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission:

1. The name and address of applicant are Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Transportation, Brian N. Allen, P.E., Assistant District Executive, Engineering District 10-0 2550 Oakland Avenue, PO Box 429, Indiana PA 15701.
2. The name and address of attorney for the Applicant is William J. Cressler, 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., filing this Application on behalf of Punxsutawney Borough as evidenced by Exhibit A which is attached hereto.
4. It is desirable to alter the subject crossings by installing new train activated automatic gates and circuitry to the existing warning devices installed under Public Utility Commission Docket A-2013-2348739. (Location maps are attached as Exhibit B).
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. Horatio Street crosses at-grade, a single track of the Buffalo & Pittsburgh Railroad Inc at railroad milepost 227.40. Said crossings should be altered as indicated. The present (2013) Average Daily Traffic (ADT) for Horatio Street is estimated at 250 vehicles with 1 % trucks at a posted speed of 25 MPH. The present estimated total trains per day are four (4) with a maximum speed of 10 MPH.

7. The estimated cost for construction of the new train activated automatic gates and circuitry is approximately \$50,000, which will be paid with 100% Federal Funds.
8. The 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 improvement.

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

Respectfully Submitted:



Brian N. Allen, P.E.
Assistant District Executive – Design
Engineering District 10-0
Department of Transportation

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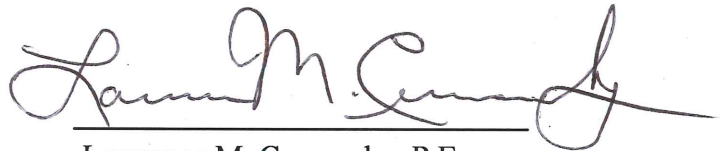
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VERIFICATION

I, Lawrence M. Cernansky, hereby state that 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 manner. I understand that the statements herein are made subject to the penalties of 18 Pa.C.S. § 4904 (relating to un-sworn falsification to authorities).

Date: 3-6-2015



Lawrence M. Cernansky, P.E.
District 10-0 Grade Crossing Engineer

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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:

Mark J. Chappell, P.E., Chief
Utilities and Right-of-Way Section
Bureau of Design, PennDOT
PO Box 3362
Harrisburg, PA 17105-3362

Joseph P. Dubovi, III, P.E., District Executive
Engineering District 10-0
Pennsylvania Department of Transportation
2550 Oakland Avenue, P.O. Box 429
Indiana, PA 15701-0429
Attn: Lawrence M. Cernansky, P.E.

Mr. David C. Baer, Chief Engineer
Buffalo & Pittsburgh Railroad, Inc.
P.O. Box 477
201 North Penn Street
Punxsutawney, Pa 15767

Honorable Paul Corbin, Chairman
Jefferson County Commissioners
155 Main Street
Jefferson Place Courthouse Annex
Brookville, PA 15825

Honorable James Wehrle, Mayor
Punxsutawney Borough
301 East Mahoning Street
Punxsutawney, PA 15767

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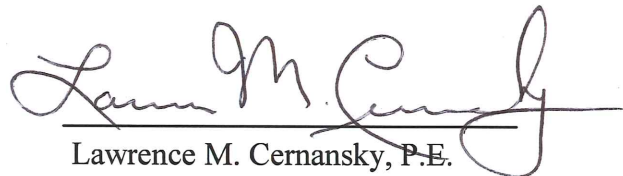
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Clearfield, PA 16830

Dave Drozd
Pennsylvania American Water
203 Sycamore Street
Punxsutawney, PA 15767

Mike Shearer
Peoples TWP LLC/ TW Phillips
205 N. Main Street
Butler, PA 16001

Dated this 6 Day of March 2015


Lawrence M. Cernansky, P.E.
District 10-0 Grade Crossing Engineer



January 30, 2015

Jefferson County
Borough of Punxsutawney
AT-GRADE RAILROAD CROSSING
Horatio Street
DOT # 148 901 K
MPMS # 95676

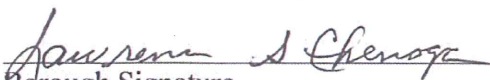
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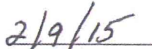
Dear Mayor Alexander:

The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Transportation (the Department) is filing an application with the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (PUC) for the approval to upgrade the railroad crossing with gates, where Horatio Street crosses, at-grade, the single track of the Buffalo and Pittsburgh Railroad, Inc. (DOT # 148 901 K) located in the Borough of Punxsutawney, Jefferson County.

This action is in accordance with the Section 130 Federal Rail Safety Program, which provides 100 percent Federal funding for the construction of Railroad warning devices on public roads. The Railroad will then seek reimbursement through the Department for 100 percent of the construction costs.

Please sign, date, and affix the Borough of Punxsutawney seal at the space provided on this letter and return the original to me. Please also provide a resolution agreeing to allow the Department to file this application on your behalf, and authorize the Department to issue Notice-to-Proceed letters to the Railroad for design and/or construction. If a resolution is not provided it will be presumed that by signature, date, and seal of this letter that you concur with these conditions and authority is granted, and no resolution is necessary.


Borough Signature


Date

(municipality seal)

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Forthcoming will be a copy of the application that will be made by the Department to the PUC, which will then be followed by a letter from the PUC advising you of a subsequent diagnostic field view at the crossing.

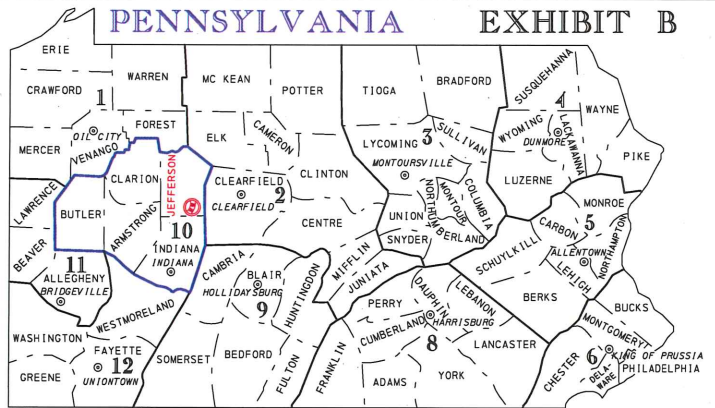
Should you have any questions with regards to this matter, please contact me at (724) 357-2161.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Scott K. Snyder". The signature is written in a cursive style with a clear, legible font.

Scott K. Snyder, P.E.
District Grade Crossing Engineer
PennDOT Engineering District 10-0

HORATIO STREET AT-GRADE CROSSING
 DOT NO. 148 901 K
 PUNXSUTAWNEY BOROUGH
 JEFFERSON COUNTY
 LAT. 40.936179°
 LONG. -79.003233°



MPMS NO. 95676 SR 0 SECTION 572
 HORATIO STREET CROSSING

10 DISTRICT
 DISTRICT OFFICE
 PROJECT LOCATION

