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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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March 17, 2015

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

Re: In re: Application of Department of Transportation for approval of the alteration of the crossing where SR 2032, Foote Ave. crosses at grade the tracks of Reading, Blue Mountain and Northern Railroad (AAR #361435P), located in Duryea Borough in Luzerne County and the allocation of costs incident thereto, in accordance with the Grade Crossing Safety program.

Dear Secretary Chiavetta:

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

A copy of this Application and Exhibits has been served upon the parties in the Certificate of Service to the Application.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joseph Strok, Jr.", written over a horizontal line.

Joseph Strok, Jr.  
District Grade Crossing Coordinator  
Engineering District 4-0  
Department of Transportation

cc: Parties of Record  
Chief, Right-of-Way and Utilities Section, 7<sup>th</sup> Floor, CKB  
Gina M. D'Alfonso, Office of Chief Counsel, 9<sup>th</sup> Floor, CKB  
Supervisor, Rail Safety Engineering Section PUC, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, CKB

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**BEFORE THE  
PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

Application of the Department of Transportation of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for approval to alter the public at grade crossing by the removal of antiquated lights and gates and installation of new lights and gates and high type surfaces where SR 2032, Foote Ave. crosses the tracks of Reading Blue Mountain and Northern Railroad, DOT No. (361435P) in Duryea Borough, Luzerne County *all in accordance with the Federal Grade Crossing Program* and the allocation of costs incident thereto.

Application  
Docket  
No. \_\_\_\_\_

To the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission:

1. The name and address of applicant are Dennis Giordano, Assistant District Executive, Engineering District 4-0, 55 Keystone Industrial Park, Dunmore, Pa 18512
2. The name and address of attorney for the applicant are William J. Cressler, Chief Counsel, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Transportation, Office of Chief Counsel, P O 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 alter the subject crossing by: (1) installing new automatic operated flashing railroad warning signals and new circuitry to replace the antiquated warning system and (2) the installing a new high-type concrete surface. For location map see Exhibit "B" 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. In addition to those served, the applicant requests that the following also receive service of all documents in this matter:

Mark Chappell, P.E., Chief  
Utilities and Right of Way Section  
Pennsylvania Department of Transportation  
P.O. Box 3362  
Harrisburg, PA 17105-3362  
Ms. Gina D'Alfonso  
Office of Chief Counsel  
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6. SR 2032 crosses, the tracks of Reading, Blue Mountain and Northern Railroad at Segment 60, Offset 0513. The ADT for SR 2032 is 7089 vehicles with 4% trucks.

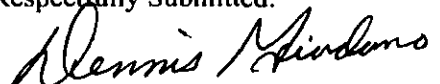
7. The estimated total cost for the project is \$138,000.00. The funding for the project will be 80% Federal Funds and 20% State Funds.

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:

  
Dennis Giordano  
Assistant District Executive,  
Engineering District 4-0  
Department of Transportation

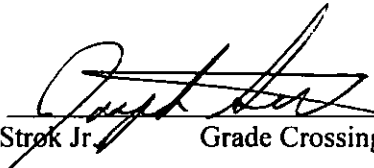
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VERIFICATION

I, Joseph Strok, Jr., 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).

Date: 3/10/2015

  
Joseph Strok Jr. 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:

Mr. Wes Westenhofer,  
Reading, Blue Mountain and Northern Railroad  
PO Box 218  
Port Clinton, Pa., 19549

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Luzerne and Susquehanna Railroad  
25 Delphine Street  
Owego, NY 13827

Mr. Tim Connolly  
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1135 Twin Stacks Drive  
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Ms. Carolyn Santee, Borough Manager  
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315 Main Street  
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Dated this 17<sup>th</sup> Day of March 2015

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