



June 22, 2018

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 approval to replace the existing above grade crossing by the construction of a new bridge where SR 0078, Section 13B crosses over the track of Reading, Blue Mountain & Northern Railroad, DOT No. 592 503 B in Tilden Township, Berks County and the allocation of costs incident thereto.

Dear Secretary Chiavetta:

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

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "ROR", is written over a horizontal line.

Rodney O. Rehnert
District Grade Crossing Administrator
Engineering District 5-0
Department of Transportation

cc: Parties of Record
M. J. Chappell, PE - Chief, Utilities and Right-of-Way Section, 7th Floor, CKB
Gina M. D'Alfonso, Office of Chief Counsel, 9th Floor, CKB
R. J. Hull, PE - Manager, Rail Safety Division, PUC, 3rd Floor, CKB

**BEFORE
PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

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To the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission:

1. The name and address of Applicant are the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Transportation, Christopher J. Kufro, P.E., Assistant District Executive, Engineering District 5-0, 1002 Hamilton Street, Allentown, PA 18101.

2. The name and address of attorney for the Applicant are Jason D. Sharp, 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. 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 J. Chappell, P.E., Chief
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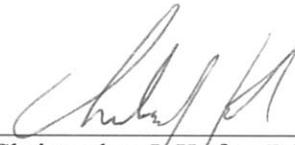
5. It is desirable to replace the existing fifteen-span bridge which carries State Route 0078 over the single track of Reading, Blue Mountain & Northern Railroad with a new twelve-span structure (the new span over the railroad is designated Span 1) The existing bridge width out-to-out is 68 feet, 6 inches. This will be widened to 114 feet, 4 inches out-to-out on the new bridge. The new deck slab will accommodate four traffic lanes and two shoulder lanes on the new Bulb-Tee Beams. A Type, Size, and Location Plan has been attached hereto and marked as Exhibit "A". A Location Map is attached hereto and marked as Exhibit "B".

6. The Average Daily Traffic for State Route 0078 is 54,803 vehicles with 36% trucks. The crossing is located at Segment 294 Offset 1480 East Bound and Segment 0295 Offset 1485 West Bound (Station 3054+08.19).

7. The total cost for the new structure is approximately \$56.2 million. The funding for the project will be 100% Federal 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 improvement.

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

Respectfully Submitted:



Christopher J. Kufro, P.E.,
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Engineering District 5-0
Department of Transportation
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VERIFICATION

I, Rodney O. Rehnert, District Grade Crossing Administrator, 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: 6/25/2018



Rodney O. Rehnert
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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Dated this 25th Day of JUNE, 2012


Name