

PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

Complaint Docket No. 20235

Borough of Folcroft

v.

Penn Central Transportation Company, Department
of Transportation of the Commonwealth of
Pennsylvania, County of Delaware and South-
eastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority

RATIFICATION OF TELEGRAM ORDER OF NOVEMBER 22, 1974

BY THE COMMISSION, DECEMBER 16, 1974:

By complaint filed with this Commission on January 16, 1974, Borough of Folcroft, avers, among other things, that the bridge carrying Folcroft Avenue, a borough street, above the grade of the tracks of Penn Central Transportation Company, located partly in Borough of Folcroft and partly in Borough of Sharon Hill, all in Delaware County, has a maximum load carrying capacity that has been either inadequately posted or inadequately ascertained and not reliable as to accuracy.

Following hearing on this proceeding, held April 24, 1974, this Commission issued an order on June 25, 1974, which, among other things, directed Penn Central Transportation Company to perform an in-depth inspection of the Folcroft Avenue bridge, involved in this proceeding, and to submit to this Commission and to the parties of record, a report of the inspection, said report to include a compilation of the load-carrying capability of each structural element of the bridge and a recommendation as to the extent of any weight limit for which the bridge should be posted.

Penn Central Transportation Company has informed this Commission of the following data relative to the load-carrying capability of the structural elements of the bridge, based on calculations of the existing conditions as determined from the field inspection:

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DEC 16 1974
ENTRY No. *K*

"PENN CENTRAL TRANSPORTATION COMPANY, IN COMPLIANCE WITH PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION ORDER ISSUED JUNE 25, 1974 AT COMPLAINT DOCKET NO. 20235, FILED BY FOLCROFT BOROUGH, HAVING PERFORMED AN IN-DEPTH INSPECTION OF THE BRIDGE CARRYING FOLCROFT AVENUE ABOVE THE GRADE OF PENN CENTRAL TRANSPORTATION COMPANY'S TRACKS IN THE BOROUGHS OF FOLCROFT

ratified:

1974, which reads as follows, to wit, be and is hereby

1. That the telegram order issued November 22,

IT IS ORDERED:

convenience and safety of the public; THEREFORE, seven tons is necessary for the service, accommodation, suitable alternate routes for vehicular traffic in excess of thereto, for a maximum load limit of seven tons, and maintaining bridge involved in this proceeding, and the approaches find and determine that the posting of the Folcroft Avenue corrective measures to be taken to this structure and presently which seeks additional action, we will investigate future In final disposition of the complaint in this proceeding,

alternate routes for vehicular traffic in excess of seven tons. Department of Transportation to post and maintain suitable maximum load limit of seven tons and directed Pennsylvania Folcroft Avenue bridge and the approaches thereto, for a 1974, directed Borough of Folcroft to immediately post the The Commission, by telegram order of November 22,

Avenue bridge but that the east approach is not posted.

weight limit sign on the west approach to the Folcroft company that the structure is posted with a 12 ton gross

The Commission has been informed by the railroad

21.4 tons	Timber Deck Flooring
31.0 tons	Timber Stringers
7.5 tons	Steel Floor Beams
29.3 tons	Steel Girders

AND SHARON HILL, DELAWARE COUNTY, HAS DETERMINED THAT THE BRIDGE IS CAPABLE OF SUPPORTING A MAXIMUM VEHICULAR LOAD LIMIT OF 7-1/2 TONS. ACCORDINGLY, PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION HEREBY DIRECTS BOROUGH OF FOLCROFT TO IMMEDIATELY POST A BEFORE-MENTIONED BRIDGE AND THE APPROACHES THERETO FOR A MAXIMUM LOAD LIMIT OF 7 TONS.

"IN ADDITION THERETO, PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION HEREBY DIRECTS PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, HAVING AGREED SO TO DO, TO POST AND MAINTAIN SUITABLE ALTERNATE ROUTES FOR VEHICULAR TRAFFIC IN EXCESS OF 7 TONS.

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Will Ketner

Secretary"

2. That Borough of Sharon Hill reimburse Borough of Folcroft a sum or sums of money equal to 50% of the cost Borough of Folcroft incurs in furnishing material, installing and maintaining the weight limit signs in accordance with the telegram order ratified by this order.

3. That Boroughs of Folcroft and Sharon Hill cooperate with each other in immediately enforcing the 7 ton posted weight limit on the Folcroft Avenue bridge.

4. That Department of Transportation, at its initial cost and expense, furnish all material and do all work necessary to post and maintain suitable alternate routes for vehicular traffic in excess of 7 tons, in the vicinity of the Folcroft Avenue crossing, above grade, involved in this proceeding.

ORDER ENTERED: DEC 19 1974

ORDER ADOPTED: December 16, 1974

Secretary

Alvin Feltner

ATTEST:

Chairman:

Joseph D. Brown

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our order of June 25, 1974, remain in full force and effect.

6. That in all respects not inconsistent herewith, unnecessary impeded or endangered.

5. That Department of Transportation cooperate with the local authorities as long as the load limit posting is in effect in accordance with this order, so that highway traffic using the established alternate routes will not be