

September 1, 1978

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(See list attached to back of order)

Borough of Folcroft

v.

Penn Central Transportation Company, Department of Transportation of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, County of Delaware, Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority, Consolidated Rail Corporation and National Railroad Passenger Corporation

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Dear Sir:

Enclosed, herewith, is order issued by Helen B. O'Bannon, Commissioner, on August 29, 1978, in the above entitled proceeding.

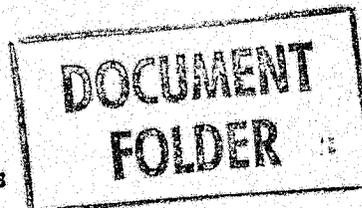
Kindly acknowledge receipt, using for that purpose the enclosed form.

Very truly yours,

C. J. McElwee  
Secretary

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Bureau of Transportation - Ray Peteritas  
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PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

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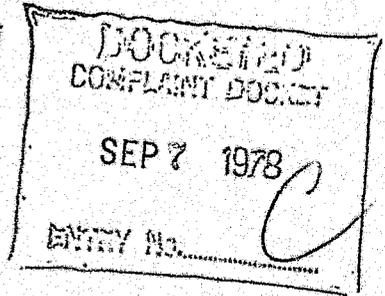
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O R D E R

By certified letter order issued August 2, 1977 (ratified August 30, 1977), this Commission directed, inter alia, that Pennsylvania Department of Transportation post the bridge carrying Primos Avenue (State Highway Route 420) above the grade of the tracks of National Railroad Passenger Corporation, partly in the Borough of Folcroft and partly in the Borough of Glenolden, all in Delaware County, with signs restricting the use of the bridge to passenger automobiles only, and to establish, mark and maintain suitable detours for other vehicles.

By order issued October 6, 1977, this Commission directed, inter alia, that National Railroad Passenger Corporation perform a detailed inspection of the involved Primos Avenue Bridge and submit a copy of the inspection report to this Commission and to the parties of record; said report to contain recommendations regarding the weight restrictions that should be placed on the bridge.

By letter dated August 7, 1978, National Railroad Passenger Corporation notified this Commission that, as a result of its inspection and rating of the bridge, it recommends that the existing posting for passenger automobiles only must be maintained and enforced by the local authority.

We have received numerous complaints from the Police Department of the Borough of Folcroft, the party responsible for the enforcement of the vehicular posting on the Primos Avenue Bridge, that the small maximum fine, permitted by the Motor Vehicle Code for vehicles in violation of the passenger automobiles only posting, does not act as a deterrent for vehicles other than passenger automobiles, including heavy trucks, to escape a long, circuitous detour through the City of Philadelphia and, as such, the Folcroft Police desire that the bridge be posted for some specified weight limit, which will permit fines of substantial magnitude to be assessed against violators and, which hopefully, will eliminate overweight vehicles from using the bridge.

By telephone communication on August 28, 1978, Pennsylvania Department of Transportation expressed its concern with this Commission relative to the existing bridge posting and requested that weight limit signs be installed in lieu of passenger automobile only signs.

Following the above telephone communication, this Commission's Bureau of Rail Transportation contacted National Railroad Passenger Corporation to determine the results of the corporation's bridge rating, and was informed that, in accordance with Amtrak's analysis, the bridge should be rated for an H-2.3 (2.3 tons)

loading, due to the severe deterioration of some of the structural members of the bridge.

Upon receipt of the above information, Director of the Bureau of Rail Transportation, R. A. Peteritas, verbally directed Pennsylvania Department of Transportation to immediately post the involved bridge for a maximum load limit of two and one-half (2½) tons.

In the interest of safety to the traveling public, it is determined that the involved bridge should be posted for a maximum load limit of two and one-half (2½) tons in lieu of the present posting for passenger automobiles only, and that periodic inspections should be made of the bridge to monitor any changes in its load-carrying capacity; THEREFORE,

IT IS ORDERED:

1. That, in confirmation of the Director of the Bureau of Rail Transportation's verbal direction of August 28, 1978, Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, at its initial cost and expense, immediately post the bridge carrying Primos Avenue (State Highway Route 420) above the grade of the tracks of National Railroad Passenger Corporation, partly in the Borough of Folcroft and partly in the Borough of Glenolden, all in Delaware County, for a maximum load limit of two and one-half (2½) tons.
2. That National Railroad Passenger Corporation, at its initial cost and expense, beginning no later than September 15, 1978, and thereafter at intervals not exceeding one month, perform inspections of the involved bridge and submit a copy of each inspection report to this Commission, Department of Transportation and Borough of Folcroft; said report to show any changes in the structure as may affect its load-carrying capability.
3. That a copy of this order be served on the Commissioner of the Pennsylvania State Police requesting cooperation in regard to the enforcement of the posted weight limit and for such other action and assistance as is appropriate and necessary in the circumstances.
4. That in all respects not inconsistent herewith, our prior orders in this proceeding remain in full force and effect.

BY:

Walter B. C. Berman

Date: 8/29/78

Time: 12:50 P.M.