



June 26, 2019

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

Subject: Northumberland County  
Northumberland Borough, Danville Borough, Scott Township, South Centre  
Township, Berwick Borough and Mount Carmel Township  
State Route (S.R.) 147, Section 27R  
PUC Application Submission

Dear Ms. Chiavetta:

Enclosed for your review and approval are the following:

- Public Utility Commission application
- Supporting documentation

Please issue an order in the proceeding so that the Department can proceed with the construction of the project.

Copies of the application and supporting documentation are being concurrently forwarded to the following parties:

George Fury, Property Manager  
SEDA COG Joint Rail Authority  
201 Furnace Road  
Lewisburg, PA 17837

Tom Avery Director of Operations  
North Shore Railroad Company  
356 Priestly Avenue  
Northumberland, PA 17857

Maryrose B. McCarthy Chief Clerk  
Northumberland County Commissioners  
399 South Fifth Street  
Sunbury, PA 17801

Holly Brandon Chief Clerk  
Montour County Commissioners  
29 Mill Street  
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David Witchey, Chief Clerk  
Columbia County Commissioners  
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Shannon Berkey Borough Manager  
Danville Borough  
239 Mill Street  
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Casandra Mowery, Treasurer  
Berwick Borough  
344 Market Street  
Berwick, PA 18603

Lauren Martz, Town Administrator  
Town of Bloomsburg  
301 East Second Street  
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Dale Sneidman, Secretary  
South Centre Township Supervisors  
6260 4<sup>th</sup> Street  
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Donald Phillips, Engineer  
Service Electric Cable TV, Inc.  
3662 Point Township Drive  
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Robert Jaworski, Engineer  
Verizon of Pennsylvania  
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Jeremy Dietrick, Manager  
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GENN 3  
Allentown, PA 18101

John Klinger, Engineer  
AQUA Pennsylvania Incorporated  
204 East Sunbury Street  
Shamokin, PA 17872

Janice Bowman, Secretary  
Northumberland Borough  
175 Orange Street  
Northumberland, PA 17857

Brittany Stasik, Secretary  
Scott Township Supervisors  
350 Tenny Street  
Bloomsburg, PA 17815

Lisa Fiamoncini, Clerk  
Mount Carmel Township Supervisors  
300 Laurel Street  
Mount Carmel, PA 17851

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1 PEI Center  
Wilkes Barre, PA 18711

Gloria Bobersky, Manager  
Berwick Area Joint Sewer Authority  
1108 Freas Avenue  
Berwick, PA 18603

Randy Wilkin, Engineer  
Pennsylvania American Water Co.  
306 West Front Street  
Berwick, PA 18603

Tate Hunsinger, Engineer  
Suez Water PA  
90 Irondale Road  
Bloomsburg, PA 17815

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If you have any questions, please contact District Utility Administrator Steven T. Betts at 570.368.4238.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Tosca', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

f Sandra Tosca, P.E.  
District Executive  
Engineering District 3-0

Enclosure

**BEFORE THE  
PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

Application of the Department of Transportation of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for approval to alter eight public at-grade crossings by the installation of new active traffic control devices and one concrete tub crossing surface where various state and local roadways cross the tracks of SEDA-COG Joint Rail Authority, operated on by North Shore Railroad Company in various municipalities in Northumberland, Montour and Columbia Counties *all in accordance with the Federal Grade Crossing Program* and the allocation of costs incident thereto.

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

**Electronically Filed**

To the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission:

1. The name and address of Applicant are the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Transportation, by TJ Cunningham, P.E., Assistant District Executive, Engineering District 3-0, 715 Jordan Avenue, Montoursville, PA 17754.
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., filing this Application on its behalf and on behalf of Northumberland Borough, Danville Borough, Scott Township, South Centre Township and Berwick Borough as evidenced by the resolutions attached hereto and collectively marked as Exhibit "A".
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:

Michelle L. Adolini, P.E., Acting Chief  
Utilities and Right of Way Section  
Pennsylvania Department of Transportation  
P.O. Box 3362  
Harrisburg, PA 17105-3362

Gina M. D'Alfonso, Senior Counsel in  
Charge  
Office of Chief Counsel  
Pennsylvania Department of Transportation  
P.O. Box 8212  
Harrisburg, PA 17105-8212

5. At seven (7) locations, the roadway crosses at-grade, the single track of SEDA-COG Joint Rail Authority, operated by North Shore Railroad Company and at one (1) location the road crosses, at-grade, the single track of SEDA-COG Joint Rail Authority, operated by Shamokin Valley Railroad Company. It is desirable to alter the eight (8) at-grade crossings as follows:

- a) DOT # 264 183 A, where state Route 0147 crosses the single track of SEDA-COG Joint Rail Authority, operated by North Shore Railroad Company, by the installation of new active traffic control devices.
- b) DOT # 264 182 T, where Orange Street crosses the single track of SEDA-COG Joint Rail Authority, operated by North Shore Railroad Company, by the installation of new active traffic control devices.
- c) DOT # 264 155 W, where Railroad Street crosses the single track of SEDA-COG Joint Rail Authority, operated by North Shore Railroad Company, by the installation of new active traffic control devices.
- d) DOT # 264 153 H, where Wall Street crosses the single track of SEDA-COG Joint Rail Authority, operated by North Shore Railroad Company, by the installation of new active traffic control devices.
- e) DOT # 265 992 N, where Central Road crosses the single track of SEDA-COG Joint Rail Authority, operated by North Shore Railroad Company, by the installation of new active traffic control devices.
- f) DOT # 908 921 W, where Industrial Drive crosses the single track of SEDA-COG Joint Rail Authority, operated by North Shore Railroad Company, by the installation of new active traffic control devices.
- g) DOT # 266 013 M, where South Eaton Street crosses the single track of SEDA-COG Joint Rail Authority, operated by North Shore Railroad Company, by the installation of new active traffic control devices.
- h) DOT # 591 840 N, where State Route 0054 crosses the single track of SEDA-COG Joint Rail Authority, operated by Shamokin Valley Railroad Company, by the installation of new active traffic control devices and a concrete tub crossing surface.

Location Maps are attached hereto and are collectively marked as Exhibit "B".

6. The estimated average daily traffic (ADT) with truck percentages are as follows:


Highway	DOT No.	Est. ADT	% Trucks
a) State Route 0147	264 183 A	14,081	8
b) Orange Street	264 182 T	410	1
c) Railroad Street	264 155 W	887	2
d) Wall Street	264 153 H	887	2
e) Central Road	265 992 N	446	3
f) Industrial Drive	908 921 W	410	6
g) South Eaton Street	266 013 M	100	1
h) State Route 0054	591 840 N	5,879	10

7. The estimated construction cost for the project is \$1,700,000.00. 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 alteration.

Wherefore, Applicant respectfully requests that the Public Utility Commission approve this application:

Respectfully Submitted:

  
\_\_\_\_\_, P.E.  
TJ Cunningham, P.E.  
Assistant District Executive  
Engineering District 3-0  
Department of Transportation  
715 Jordan Avenue  
Montoursville, PA 17754  
Phone 570-368-4238

Dated: 6/29/19

**BEFORE THE  
PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

Application of the Department of Transportation of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for approval to alter eight public at-grade crossings by the installation of new active traffic control devices and one concrete tub crossing surface where various state and local roadways cross the tracks of SEDA-COG Joint Rail Authority, operated on by North Shore Railroad Company in various municipalities in Northumberland, Montour and Columbia Counties *all in accordance with the Federal Grade Crossing Program* and the allocation of costs incident thereto.

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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:

George Fury, Property Manager  
SEDA COG Joint Rail Authority  
201 Furnace Road  
Lewisburg, PA 17837

Maryrose B. McCarthy, Chief Clerk  
Northumberland County Commissioners  
399 South Fifth Street  
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90 Irondale Road  
Bloomsburg, PA 17815

Dated this 26<sup>th</sup> Day of June 2019

Steven Betts  
Name

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VERIFICATION

I, Steven Betts, 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: 6/26/2019

  
Grade Crossing Administrator

**Borough of Northumberland**  
**Northumberland County, Pennsylvania**  
**Resolution No. C-2019**

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF NORTHUMBERLAND BOROUGH, NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY, AUTHORIZING PENNDOT TO REQUEST RAILROAD CROSSING ALTERATIONS AT ORANGE STREET FROM THE PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION.

Whereas, Orange Street is a public roadway under the jurisdiction of Northumberland Borough; and

Whereas, a railway operates through Northumberland Borough, which railway maintains a crossing over Orange Street; and

Whereas, in order for the crossing to be altered, such requests must be made to the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission ("PUC") by and through the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation ("PennDOT");

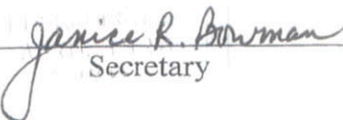
NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Council of Northumberland Borough as follows:

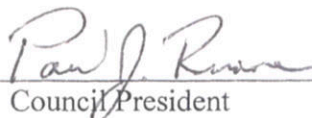
1. PennDOT is authorized on behalf and for Northumberland Borough to request approval of the PUC to permit the alteration of the Orange Street, at-grade, crossing (DOT# 264 182T) in Northumberland Borough.
2. PennDOT is authorized on behalf and for Northumberland Borough to request approval of the PUC to issue Notice to Proceed letters to the railroad for construction at the railway crossing at Orange Street in Northumberland Borough.

RESOLVED, this 7<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2019, in public meeting duly noticed and assembled.

ATTEST:

Northumberland Borough

  
Secretary

By:   
Council President

Certified true and correct copy of Resolution No. C-2019 adopted May 7, 2019 by the Council of Northumberland Borough.

**Borough of Danville**  
**Montour County, Pennsylvania**

**Resolution No. ~~2018-9~~ 2018-10**

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF DANVILLE BOROUGH, MONTOUR COUNTY, AUTHORIZING PENNDOT TO REQUEST RAILROAD CROSSING ALTERATIONS AT RAILROAD STREET FROM THE PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION.

Whereas, Railroad Street is a public roadway under the jurisdiction of Danville Borough; and

Whereas, a railway operates through Danville Borough, which railway maintains a crossing over Railroad Street; and

Whereas, in order for the crossing to be altered, such requests must be made to the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission ("PUC") by and through the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation ("PennDOT");

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Council of Danville Borough as follows:

1. PennDOT is authorized on behalf and for Danville Borough to request approval of the PUC to permit the alteration of the Railroad Street, at-grade, crossing (DOT# 264 155W) in Danville Borough.
2. PennDot is authorized on behalf and for Danville Borough to request approval of the PUC to issue Notice to Proceed letters to the railroad for construction at the railway crossing at Railroad Street in Danville Borough.

RESOLVED, this day 3<sup>RD</sup> ~~10~~ day of July, 2018, in public meeting duly noticed and assembled.

ATTEST:

Danville Borough

  
Secretary

By: 

Certified true and correct copy of Resolution No. 2018-10 adopted  
7/3/18 by the Council of Danville Borough.  
(Date)



June 13, 2018

Ms. Brittany Stasik  
Secretary  
Scott Township Supervisors  
350 Tenny Street  
Bloomsburg, PA 17815

Subject: Columbia County  
Scott Township  
At-Grade Crossing  
Central Road  
DOT Number 265 992N  
MPMS Number 111351  
Request Authorization to File with the PUC on Behalf of  
Scott Township

Dear Ms. Stasik:

As you may be aware, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Transportation (the Department) is filing an application with the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (PUC) for the approval to alter the public, at-grade, crossing where Central Road crosses the single track of SEDA COG Joint Rail Authority, Operated on by North Shore Railroad Company (DOT Number 265 992N) located in Scott Township, Columbia 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 seek reimbursement from the Department for 100 percent of the construction costs.

Please sign, date, and affix the Scott Township 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, authorize the Department to issue Notice to Proceed letters to the railroad for construction. If a resolution is not provided it will be presumed that by the signature, date, and seal of this letter, the municipality concurs with these conditions and authority is granted, therefore no resolution is necessary.

  
Borough Signature

6/20/18  
Date

Ms. Stasik  
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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 District Grade Crossing Coordinator Steven T. Betts at 570.368.4238.

Sincerely,



Sandra Tosca, P.E.  
District Executive  
Engineering District 3-0

Enclosure

**Township of Scott**  
**Columbia County, Pennsylvania**  
**Resolution No. 4-20-18**

A RESOLUTION OF THE SUPERVISORS OF SCOTT TOWNSHIP, COLUMBIA COUNTY, AUTHORIZING PENNDOT TO REQUEST RAILROAD CROSSING ALTERATIONS AT CENTRAL ROAD FROM THE PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION.

Whereas, Central Road is a public roadway under the jurisdiction of Scott Township; and

Whereas, a railway operates through Scott Township, which railway maintains a crossing over Central Road; and

Whereas, in order for the crossing to be altered, such requests must be made to the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission ("PUC") by and through the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation ("PennDOT");

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Supervisors of Scott Township as follows:

1. PennDOT is authorized on behalf and for Scott Township to request approval of the PUC to permit the alteration of the Central Road, at-grade, crossing (DOT# 265 992N) in Scott Township.
2. PennDot is authorized on behalf and for Scott Township to request approval of the PUC to issue Notice to Proceed letters to the railroad for construction at the railway crossing at Central Road in Scott Township.

RESOLVED, this day 20 th day of June, 2018, in public meeting duly noticed and assembled.

ATTEST:



Secretary

Scott Township

By: 

Certified true and correct copy of Resolution No. 6-20-18 adopted  
6-20-18 by the Supervisors of Scott Township.  
(Date)



April 25, 2019

Mr. Dale Sneidman  
South Centre Township Supervisors  
6260 4<sup>th</sup> Street  
Bloomsburg, PA 17815

Subject: Columbia County  
South Centre Township  
At-Grade Crossing  
Industrial Drive  
DOT # 908 921 W  
MPMS # 111351  
Request Authorization to File with the PUC on Behalf of South Centre  
Township

Dear Mr. Sneidman:

As you may be aware, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Transportation (the Department) is filing an application with the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (PUC) for the approval to alter the public, at-grade, crossing where Industrial Drive crosses the single track of SEDA COG Joint Rail Authority, Operated on by North Shore Railroad Company (DOT #908 921 W) located in South Centre Township, Columbia 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 seek reimbursement from the Department for 100 percent of the construction costs.

Please sign, date, and affix the South Centre Township 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, authorize the Department to issue Notice to Proceed letters to the railroad for 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.

  
Township Signature

  
Date



June 13, 2018

Ms. Casandra Mowery  
Treasurer  
Berwick Borough  
344 Market Street  
Berwick, PA 18603

Subject: Columbia County  
Berwick Borough  
At-Grade Crossings  
South Eaton Street and West 3<sup>rd</sup> Street  
DOT Number 266 013M and 266 015B  
MPMS Number 111351  
Request Authorization to File with the PUC on Behalf of  
Berwick Borough

Dear Ms. Mowery:

As you may be aware, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Transportation (the Department) is filing an application with the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (PUC) for the approval to alter the public, at-grade, crossings where South Eaton Street and West 3<sup>rd</sup> Street cross the single track of SEDA COG Joint Rail Authority, operated on by North Shore Railroad Company (DOT Number 266 013M and 266 015B) located in Berwick Borough, Columbia 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 seek reimbursement from the Department for 100 percent of the construction costs.

Please sign, date, and affix the Berwick Borough 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, authorize the Department to issue Notice to Proceed letters to the railroad for construction. If a resolution is not provided it will be presumed that by the signature, date, and seal of this letter, the municipality concurs with these conditions and authority is granted, therefore no resolution is necessary.

Casandra Mowery  
Borough Signature

6/21/18  
Date



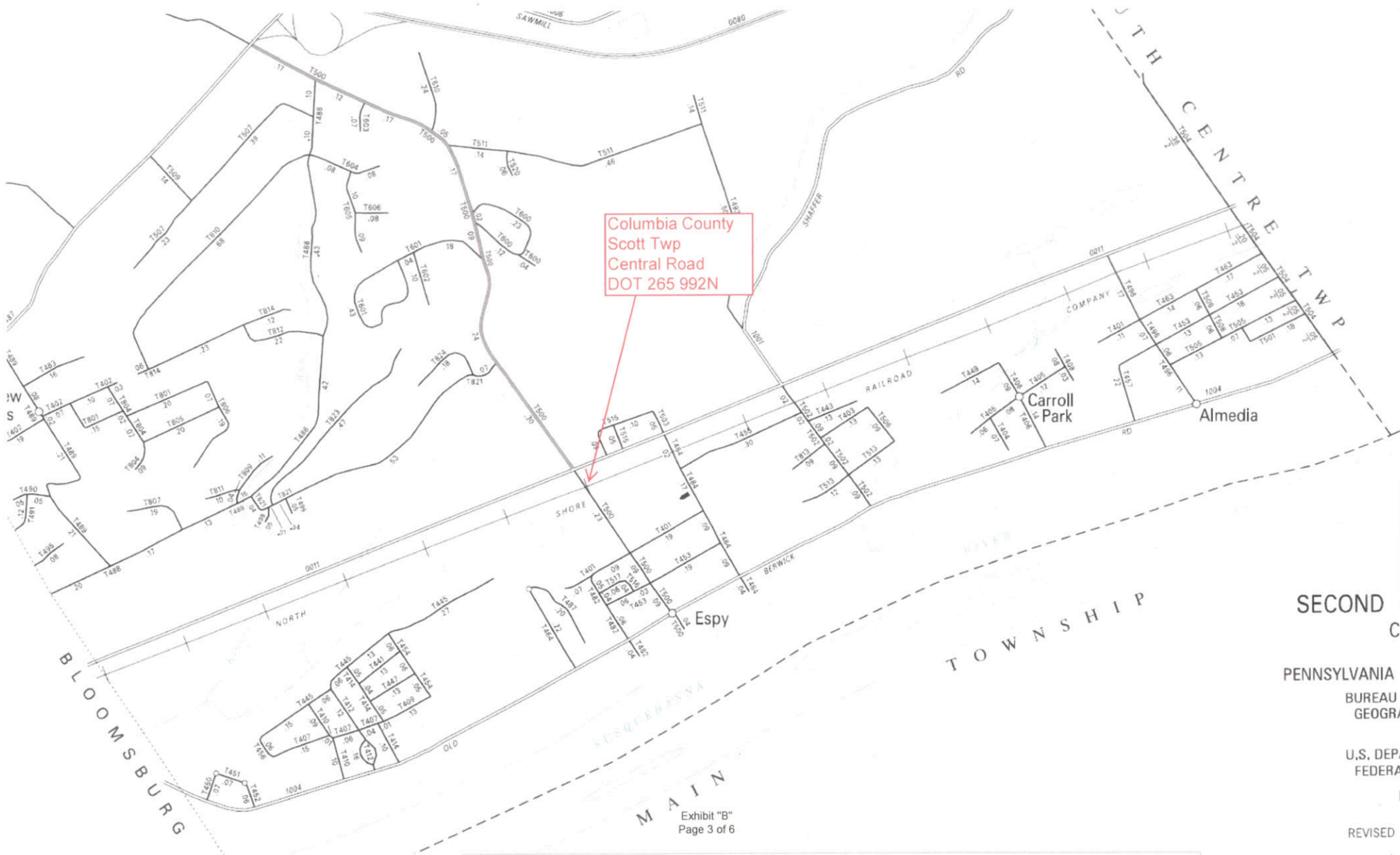
Northumberland County  
Northumberland Borough  
Orange Street  
DOT 264 182T

Northumberland County  
Northumberland Borough  
SR 147 (King Street)  
DOT 264 183A



Montour County  
Danville Borough  
Railroad Street  
DOT 264 155W

Montour County  
Mahoning Twp  
Wall Street  
DOT 264 153H



Columbia County  
 Scott Twp  
 Central Road  
 DOT 265 992N

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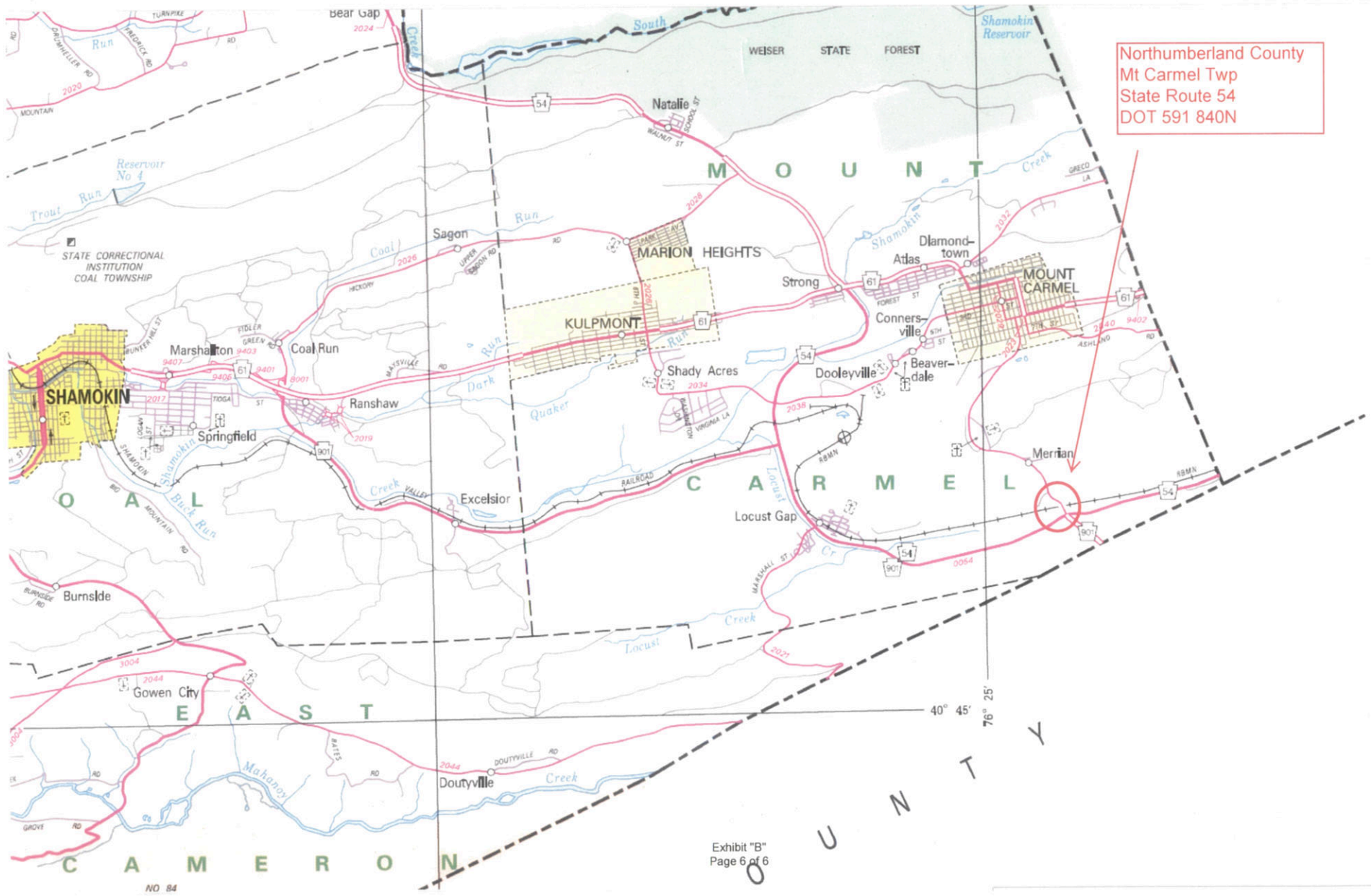
Sign in



Columbia County  
South Centre Twp  
Industrial Drive  
DOT 908 921W

Exhibit "B"  
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Northumberland County  
 Mt Carmel Twp  
 State Route 54  
 DOT 591 840N