

1	REPORT DATE:	August 14, 1978	2. BUREAU AGENDA NO.
3	BUREAU:	RAIL TRANSPORTATION	AUG-78-TR-308R
4	SECTION(S):		5. PUBLIC MEETING DATE:
6	APPROVED BY:	<i>R. A. Peteritas</i> Director: R. A. Peteritas Supervisor: 7-5188	August 24, 1978
7	MONITOR:	Commissioner O'Bannon	
8	PERSON IN CHARGE:	Huff 7-2153	
9	DOCKET NO:	C.18922	

10 (a) CAPTION (abbreviate if more than 4 lines)  
 (b) Short summary of history & facts, documents & briefs  
 (c) Recommendation

(a) PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION V. DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, ET AL.

(b) PennDOT has advised of the failure of the expansion dam and the end of steel stringers at Pier No. 5 of the bridge carrying State Highway Route 736 Extension above the tracks of Union Railroad Company, in the City of Duquesne, Allegheny County, and recommends that the bridge be posted for a maximum weight limit of five (5) tons. PennDOT was verbally instructed to post the bridge accordingly on August 8, 1978.

(c) Ratify the order, dated August 10, 1978, signed by Commissioner Goode, directing PennDOT to post the involved bridge for a maximum load limit of five (5) tons and to establish mark and maintain a suitable detour for vehicles weighing in excess of five (5) tons; and further directing that a copy of the order be served on the Pennsylvania State Police.

11 MOTION BY: Commissioner Bloom  
 SECONDED: Commissioner Goode

Commissioner Chm. Carter - Yes  
 Commissioner O'Bannon - Absent  
 Commissioner Johnson - Absent

CONTENT OF MOTION: Staff recommendation adopted.

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 COMPLAINT DOCKET  
 SEP 7 1978  
 ENTRY No. *C*



COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA  
PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION  
P. O. BOX 3265, HARRISBURG 17120

C.18922

August 30, 1978

IN REPLY PLEASE  
REFER TO OUR FILE

IN RE:

Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission

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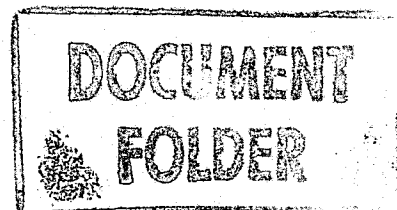
Department of Highways of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Union Railroad Company, City of Duquesne, County of Allegheny, The Bell Telephone Company of Pennsylvania, Carnegie Natural Gas Company, Equitable Gas Company and Keystone Pipeline Company.

Please be advised that a field investigation and conference will be held at the site of the crossing where State Highway Route 736 Extension (Traffic Route 837) crosses above the grade of the tracks of Union Railroad Company and over Thompson Run, in the city of Duquesne, Allegheny County, on Monday, September 18, 1978 at 1 P.M. to discuss the matters relating to the posting of the bridge for a maximum load limit of five tons. The parties will meet at the north end of the bridge.

Kindly arrange to have a representative present.

Very truly yours,

William W. Huff, P.E.  
Public Utility Engineer  
Bureau of Rail Transportation



COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA  
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17120  
Office of Chief Counsel



October 6, 1978

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SECRETARY'S OFFICE  
Public Utility Commission

C. J. McElwee, Secretary  
Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission  
North Office Building  
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17120

Re: Complaint Docket No. 18922  
Allegheny County

Dear Mr. McElwee:

Enclosed for filing with the Commission are the original and two (2) copies of Petition for Hearing, in the above subject Complaint.

I hereby certify that a copy of said Petition has been sent to all parties of record.

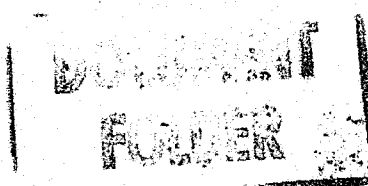
Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Louis G. Cocheres".

Louis G. Cocheres  
Assistant Attorney General

220/LGC:rmm  
Enclosures

cc: K. W. Walker, P.E., Chief Utility Engineer  
District #11-0  
Parties of Record - Page 2



PARTIES OF RECORD

V. M. Schwing, Chief Engineer  
Union Railroad Company  
664 Linden Avenue  
East Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15112

Francis R. Daley, Mayor  
City of Duquesne  
12 South 2nd Street  
Duquesne, Pennsylvania 15110

James Flaherty, Chairman  
Allegheny County Commissioners  
Court House Room 119  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15219

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Bell Telephone Company  
One Parkway, 16th Floor  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19102

John T. Brown, President  
Equitable Gas Company  
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Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15219

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Carnegie Natural Gas Company  
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Munhall, Pennsylvania 15121

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Arco Pipeline Company  
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(For Keystone Pipe Line Company)

Before the  
PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

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COMPLAINT

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NO. 18922

PETITION FOR HEARING

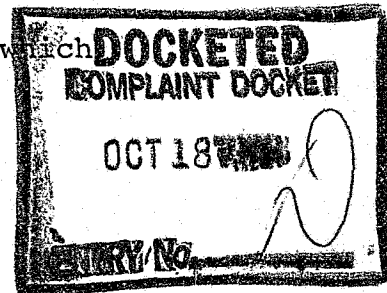
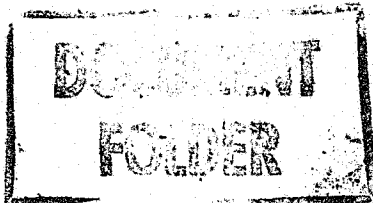
TO THE HONORABLE, THE PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION:

NOW COMES, the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, by its undersigned attorneys, and respectfully represents as follows:

1. The name and address of your petitioner is the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17120.

2. The name and address of counsel for your petitioner is Herbert G. Zahn, Assistant Attorney General, and Louis G. Cocheres, Assistant Attorney General, Office of Chief Counsel, Transportation and Safety Building, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17120.

3. On August 10, 1978, your Honorable Commission issued an Order at the above-captioned docket number which



approved your petitioner's recommendation that the subject crossing structure be posted for a 5 ton weight limit. Subsequently the Commission Staff scheduled a field conference at the site of the subject crossing on September 18, 1978, at which time most interested parties were represented and the subject of proposed alterations to the said crossing structure were discussed.

4. Briefly, your petitioner suggests that the following steps be taken to improve the safety at the subject crossing:

- a. All gunnite on the structure should be removed.
- b. The existing sidewalks should be removed.
- c. Three safety parapets should be placed on the structure to facilitate the implementation of a temporary sidewalk.
- d. Traffic on the structure should be restricted to two lanes, one in each direction.
- e. A plan should be prepared for the maintenance and protection of traffic.
- f. An in-depth inspection of the structure should be made to determine what is necessary to eliminate this hazardous crossing condition.
- g. The subject crossing should be reconstructed or replaced as recommended by the in-depth inspection report.

5. The Federal Highway Administration is prepared to financially assist any of the interested parties in the reconstruction or replacement of the subject bridge.

6. The work listed above in Paragraph 4 will complete the proceedings at the above-captioned complaint docket number. Accordingly the costs should be apportioned among the interested parties as each phase is completed or commenced as your Honorable Commission may determine.

7. The present condition of the eastern sidewalk, which is the maintenance responsibility of the City of Duquesne, has emphasized the need for the repair of this hazardous crossing.

8. The present condition of the entire bridge is such that a 5 ton weight limit must be maintained to insure the safety of the crossing user. Therefore, all interested parties and police forces in the vicinity of the crossing must vigorously enforce the posted limits.

9. In view of the critical financial condition of your petitioner, an accurate forecast for your petitioner's participation in the costs of the work specified in Paragraph 4 (g) above is impossible. In an effort to expedite the improvement at this crossing your Honorable Commission should allocate the costs of the work among all interested parties to implement the suggestions made by your petitioner.

10. In view of the need to save both time and costs it is especially important that the railroad cooperate by permitting the fastest possible method of implementing the above noted suggestions.

WHEREFORE, your petitioner respectfully requests that your Honorable Commission hold a hearing on the subject of the proposed crossing improvement, the cost allocation among the interested parties, enforcement of the posted limits and the need for cooperation from the Union Railroad Company in expediting the necessary improvements.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Louis G. Cocheres". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Louis G. Cocheres  
Assistant Attorney General

Herbert G. Zahn  
Assistant Attorney General



October 13, 1978

C. 18922

Louis G. Cocheres, Assistant  
Attorney General  
Office of Chief Counsel  
Pennsylvania Department of Transportation  
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17120

Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission

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Railroad Company, City of Duquesne, County of Allegheny, The Bell Telephone  
Company of Pennsylvania, Carnegie Natural Gas Company, Equitable Gas  
Company, Keystone Pipeline Company and Duquesne Light Company

Dear Mr. Cocheres:

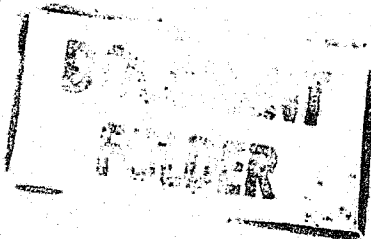
Receipt is acknowledged of your letter dated October 6, 1978,  
enclosing an original and two copies of a petition filed on behalf of  
Pennsylvania Department of Transportation for hearing in the above  
entitled proceeding.

We note your statement that a copy of the petition was sent to  
all parties of record.

The petition will receive the Commission's attention, and you  
will be further advised.

Very truly yours,

for C. J. McElwee  
Secretary



November 22, 1978

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SECRETARY'S OFFICE  
Public Utility Commission

Honorable Bernard R. Novak  
House of Representatives  
410 Carnegie Street  
West Mifflin, PA 15122

Re: Allegheny County  
L. R. 736 Extension-Section 331  
Thompson Run Bridge  
FUC. C. 15-22

Dear Mr. Novak:

As you requested, this is to confirm the status of the subject bridge project.

Mr. Anthony J. Gasta's office in Greentree has advised me that bid for said project were opened at 11:00 AM on November 21, 1978 in his office. They further advise that the initial phase of this repair project should be started about the first week in January of 1979.

Also, as promised, I am furnishing you with a copy of our petition to the Public Utility Commission dated October 6, 1978. Hopefully the Public Utility Commission will furnish its assistance in expediting the alleviation of hazardous conditions currently being experienced by your constituents.

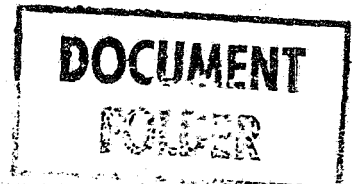
Sincerely yours,

Robert R. Mueser, P. E.  
Deputy Chief Highway Engineer-Head

430/RMD/gr.

Attachment:

CC: Mr. B. D. Romanko, P. E., 11th Floor  
Mr. L. Cocheron, Office of Chief Counsel-PennDOT-Rm. 513-P. & S.  
Mr. K. W. Walker, P. E., 11th Floor  
Mr. A. J. Gasta, P. E., Dist. 11-0 - ATTN.: Malin Udani  
Mr. C. J. McElwee, Secretary, FUC - NOB  
Mr. R. R. Mueser, P. E., 12th Floor



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