



165 Beach Lake Highway

Honesdale, Pennsylvania 18431

June 16, 2021

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

**RE: APPLICATION FOR PUBLIC CROSSING
At 361424C, STATE ROUTE 315, DUPONT HIGHWAY
READING BLUE MOUNTAIN AND NORTHERN RAILROAD COMPANY
BOROUGH OF LAFLIN
COUNTY OF LUZERNE**

Dear Secretary Chiavetta,


In accordance with Public Utility Code, Title 66, Chapter 2702, enclosed please find an application requesting permission to alter crossing of **Reading Blue Mountain and Northern Railroad Company**. Said crossing will be within the public right of way confines of State Route 315, Dupont Highway. It is located in the Borough of Laflin Luzerne County.

Said crossing will consist of the replacement of PPL's polespn either side of the track of the **Reading Blue Mountain and Northern Railroad Company** tracks and right of way. The **poles and overhead cables and conductors** are located within Public Right of Way. This is an existing crossing **361424C**.

PPL Electric Utilities will provide copies of same to all parties listed under its Certificate of Service.

Please review and provide the appropriate authorization to this office. Should you have any questions please contact this office.

Sincerely,


Joseph George
Supervisor - Right of Way

Enclosures

cc: Rodney D. Binder, P.E.
Chief-Bureau of Rail Safety
PA Public Utility Commission
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BEFORE

PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

In re: Application of PPL Electric Utilities for approval of the alteration of the crossing 361424C by the reframing of utility pole conductors where Dupont Hwy (State Road 315) crosses over (via bridge) the tracks of Reading Blue Mountain & Northern Railroad, located in Laflin Borough in Luzerne County.

Application

Docket No.

To Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission:

1. The name and address of applicant are:

PPL Electric Utilities Corporation

Two North Ninth Street

GENN3

Allentown, PA 18101

2. The name and address of the applicant's attorney are Mallory Jane Sweeney, Associate General Counsel, PPL Electric Utilities Corporation, Two North Ninth Street, Allentown, PA 18101-1179.

§ 1.36. Verification.

(a) Applications, petitions, formal complaints, motions and answers thereto containing an averment of fact not appearing of record in the action or containing a denial of fact shall be personally verified by a party thereto or by an authorized officer of the party if a corporation or association. Verification means a signed written statement of fact supported by oath or affirmation or made subject to the penalties of 18 Pa. C.S. §4904 (relating to unsworn falsification to authorities). If verification is required, notarization is not necessary.

(b) The Verification form should comply substantially with the following:

VERIFICATION

I, Joseph George, hereby state that the facts above set forth are true and correct (or 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: 6/16/21

Joseph George

(Signature)

3. PPL Electric Utilities wishes to raise the existing conductors on PPL pole #54167N41695 in Laflin Borough, Luzerne County, PA. To support existing and future loading conditions and clearance requirements, the electric facility that crosses Reading Blue Mountain & Northern Railroad rails within the public right-of-way of Dupont Hwy (State Road 315) is to be raised. The above ground electric facility of utility pole PPL pole #54167N41695 will be raised.

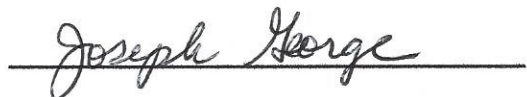
4. The proposed construction will be a reframing of the existing utility pole on the south side of the railroad crossing. The electric facility will be aerial. Dupont Hwy (State Road 315) intersects the railroad above via bridge. See attached Exhibit "A". The completion date for this project is October 31, 2021.

5. The public utilities, municipalities, corporations and property owners concerned in, or affected by, the crossing alteration are identified in Exhibit "B" attached hereto

6. The expected cost for the construction procedure is \$13,000. PPL Electric Utilities will pay all costs of construction of the utility pole replacements, as well as be responsible for installing, maintaining and inspecting the facilities.

7. The alteration is necessary or proper for the following reasons: to provide adequate, efficient, and reasonable communication facilities and power to the public in Luzerne County and surrounding areas.

Wherefore, applicant prays your Honorable Commission to approve the application:

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joseph George". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a solid horizontal line.

Joseph George

Supervisor – Right of Way

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 § 1.54 (relating to service by participant) .

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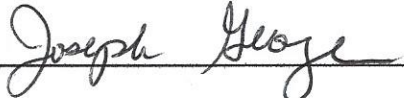
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Dated this 16th day of June, 2021.



(Signature)

EXHIBIT "B"

The public utilities, municipalities, corporations, and property owners concerned in, or affected by, the crossing alteration are:

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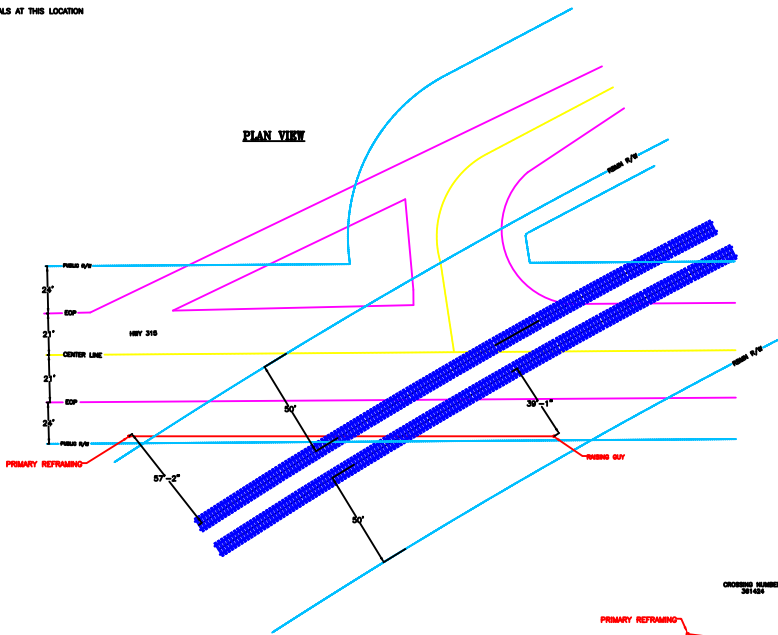
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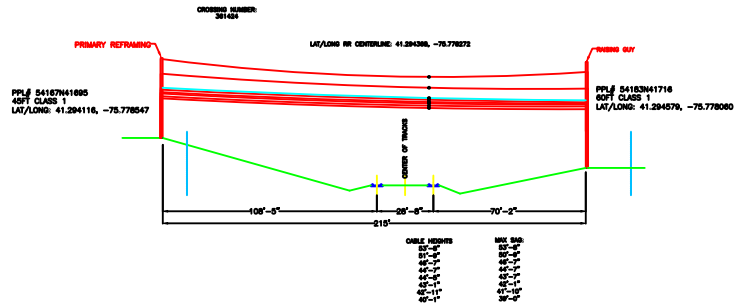
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PLAN VIEW



PROFILE VIEW



PREPARED BY:	katapult			
TITLE: APP_300922	CITY: PITTSBURGH	STATE: PENNSYLVANIA	DATE: 06-02-2021	DRAWN BY: NHYS
PROJECT NO:	COUNTY: LUZERNE			
PRINT NO: 1				
NO. OF PRINTS: 1				
ENGINEERED BY: KATAPULT				

SCALE IN FEET
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FILENAME:
 EXHIBIT A

U. S. DOT CROSSING INVENTORY FORM

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
FEDERAL RAILROAD ADMINISTRATION

OMB No. 2130-0017

Instructions for the initial reporting of the following types of new or previously unreported crossings: For public highway-rail grade crossings, complete the entire inventory Form. For private highway-rail grade crossings, complete the Header, Parts I and II, and the Submission Information section. For public pathway grade crossings (including pedestrian station grade crossings), complete the Header, Parts I and II, and the Submission Information section. For Private pathway grade crossings, complete the Header, Parts I and II, and the Submission Information section. For grade-separated highway-rail or pathway crossings (including pedestrian station crossings), complete the Header, Part I, and the Submission Information section. For changes to existing data, complete the Header, Part I Items 1-3, and the Submission Information section, in addition to the updated data fields. Note: For private crossings only, Part I Item 20 and Part III Item 2.K. are required unless otherwise noted. An asterisk * denotes an optional field.

A. Revision Date (MM/DD/YYYY) 09 / 20 / 2020	B. Reporting Agency <input type="checkbox"/> Railroad <input type="checkbox"/> Transit <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> Other	C. Reason for Update (Select only one) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Change in Data <input type="checkbox"/> Re-Open <input type="checkbox"/> New Crossing <input type="checkbox"/> Date Change Only <input type="checkbox"/> Closed <input type="checkbox"/> Change in Primary Operating RR <input type="checkbox"/> No Train Traffic <input type="checkbox"/> Admin. Correction <input type="checkbox"/> Quiet Zone Update	D. DOT Crossing Inventory Number 361424C
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Part I: Location and Classification Information

1. Primary Operating Railroad READING BLUE MOUNTAIN & NORTHERN RAILROAD C		2. State PENNSYLVANIA		3. County LUZERNE	
4. City / Municipality <input type="checkbox"/> In <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Near PITTSTON		5. Street/Road Name & Block Number DUPONT HIGHWAY <small>(Street/Road Name) * (Block Number)</small>		6. Highway Type & No. PA 315	
7. Do Other Railroads Operate a Separate Track at Crossing? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No If Yes, Specify RR _____			8. Do Other Railroads Operate Over Your Track at Crossing? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If Yes, Specify RR CP NS		
9. Railroad Division or Region <input type="checkbox"/> None LEHIGH		10. Railroad Subdivision or District <input type="checkbox"/> None		11. Branch or Line Name <input type="checkbox"/> None MAIN LINE	
12. RR Milepost 0172.03 <small>(prefix) (nnnn.nnn) (suffix)</small>		16. Crossing Owner (if applicable) <input type="checkbox"/> N/A			
13. Line Segment * 140501		14. Nearest RR Timetable Station * JENKINS JCT		15. Parent RR (if applicable) <input type="checkbox"/> N/A	
17. Crossing Type <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private	18. Crossing Purpose <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Highway <input type="checkbox"/> Pathway, Ped. <input type="checkbox"/> Station, Ped.	19. Crossing Position <input type="checkbox"/> At Grade <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RR Under <input type="checkbox"/> RR Over	20. Public Access (if Private Crossing) <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	21. Type of Train <input type="checkbox"/> Freight <input type="checkbox"/> Intercity Passenger <input type="checkbox"/> Commuter <input type="checkbox"/> Transit <input type="checkbox"/> Shared Use Transit <input type="checkbox"/> Tourist/Other	22. Average Passenger Train Count Per Day <input type="checkbox"/> Less Than One Per Day <input type="checkbox"/> Number Per Day 0
23. Type of Land Use <input type="checkbox"/> Open Space <input type="checkbox"/> Farm <input type="checkbox"/> Residential <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Institutional <input type="checkbox"/> Recreational <input type="checkbox"/> RR Yard					
24. Is there an Adjacent Crossing with a Separate Number? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No If Yes, Provide Crossing Number _____			25. Quiet Zone (FRA provided) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> 24 Hr <input type="checkbox"/> Partial <input type="checkbox"/> Chicago Excused Date Established _____		
26. HSR Corridor ID <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A		27. Latitude in decimal degrees (WGS84 std: nn.nnnnnnn) 41.2949300		28. Longitude in decimal degrees (WGS84 std: -nnn.nnnnnnn) -75.7780500	
29. Lat/Long Source <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Actual <input type="checkbox"/> Estimated					
30.A. Railroad Use *			31.A. State Use *		
30.B. Railroad Use *			31.B. State Use *		
30.C. Railroad Use *			31.C. State Use *		
30.D. Railroad Use *			31.D. State Use *		
32.A. Narrative (Railroad Use) *			32.B. Narrative (State Use) *		
33. Emergency Notification Telephone No. (posted) 610-562-4784		34. Railroad Contact (Telephone No.) 610-562-2100		35. State Contact (Telephone No.) 717-772-3079	

Part II: Railroad Information

1. Estimated Number of Daily Train Movements				
1.A. Total Day Thru Trains (6 AM to 6 PM) 3	1.B. Total Night Thru Trains (6 PM to 6 AM) 3	1.C. Total Switching Trains 0	1.D. Total Transit Trains	1.E. Check if Less Than One Movement Per Day <input type="checkbox"/> How many trains per week? _____
2. Year of Train Count Data (YYYY)		3. Speed of Train at Crossing 3.A. Maximum Timetable Speed (mph) 30 3.B. Typical Speed Range Over Crossing (mph) From 20 to 30		
4. Type and Count of Tracks Main 2 Siding _____ Yard _____ Transit _____ Industry _____				
5. Train Detection (Main Track only) <input type="checkbox"/> Constant Warning Time <input type="checkbox"/> Motion Detection <input type="checkbox"/> AFO <input type="checkbox"/> PTC <input type="checkbox"/> DC <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> None				
6. Is Track Signaled? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		7.A. Event Recorder <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		7.B. Remote Health Monitoring <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

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Part III: Highway or Pathway Traffic Control Device Information

1. Are there Signs or Signals? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		2. Types of Passive Traffic Control Devices associated with the Crossing			
2.A. Crossbuck Assemblies (count) 0		2.B. STOP Signs (R1-1) (count) 0	2.C. YIELD Signs (R1-2) (count)	2.D. Advance Warning Signs (Check all that apply; include count) <input type="checkbox"/> None	
				<input type="checkbox"/> W10-1	<input type="checkbox"/> W10-3
				<input type="checkbox"/> W10-2	<input type="checkbox"/> W10-4
				<input type="checkbox"/> W10-11	<input type="checkbox"/> W10-12
2.E. Low Ground Clearance Sign (W10-5) <input type="checkbox"/> Yes (count _____) <input type="checkbox"/> No		2.F. Pavement Markings <input type="checkbox"/> Stop Lines <input type="checkbox"/> Dynamic Envelope <input type="checkbox"/> RR Xing Symbols <input type="checkbox"/> None		2.G. Channelization Devices/Medians <input type="checkbox"/> All Approaches <input type="checkbox"/> Median <input type="checkbox"/> One Approach <input type="checkbox"/> None	2.H. EXEMPT Sign (R15-3) <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
					2.I. ENS Sign (I-13) Displayed <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
2.J. Other MUTCD Signs <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Specify Type _____ Count 0 Specify Type _____ Count 0 Specify Type _____ Count _____			2.K. Private Crossing Signs (if private) <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	2.L. LED Enhanced Signs (List types)	
3. Types of Train Activated Warning Devices at the Grade Crossing (specify count of each device for all that apply)					
3.A. Gate Arms (count) Roadway 0 Pedestrian _____	3.B. Gate Configuration <input type="checkbox"/> 2 Quad <input type="checkbox"/> Full (Barrier) Resistance <input type="checkbox"/> 3 Quad <input type="checkbox"/> Median Gates <input type="checkbox"/> 4 Quad	3.C. Cantilevered (or Bridged) Flashing Light Structures (count) Over Traffic Lane 0 <input type="checkbox"/> Incandescent Not Over Traffic Lane 0 <input type="checkbox"/> LED		3.D. Mast Mounted Flashing Lights (count of masts) 0 <input type="checkbox"/> Incandescent <input type="checkbox"/> LED <input type="checkbox"/> Back Lights Included <input type="checkbox"/> Side Lights Included	3.E. Total Count of Flashing Light Pairs 0
3.F. Installation Date of Current Active Warning Devices: (MM/YYYY) _____/_____/_____ <input type="checkbox"/> Not Required		3.G. Wayside Horn <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Installed on (MM/YYYY) ____/____/____		3.H. Highway Traffic Signals Controlling Crossing <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	3.I. Bells (count) 0
3.J. Non-Train Active Warning <input type="checkbox"/> Flagging/Flagman <input type="checkbox"/> Manually Operated Signals <input type="checkbox"/> Watchman <input type="checkbox"/> Floodlighting <input type="checkbox"/> None				3.K. Other Flashing Lights or Warning Devices Count 0 Specify type _____	
4.A. Does nearby Hwy Intersection have Traffic Signals? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	4.B. Hwy Traffic Signal Interconnection <input type="checkbox"/> Not Interconnected <input type="checkbox"/> For Traffic Signals <input type="checkbox"/> For Warning Signs	4.C. Hwy Traffic Signal Preemption <input type="checkbox"/> Simultaneous <input type="checkbox"/> Advance	5. Highway Traffic Pre-Signals <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Storage Distance * _____ Stop Line Distance * _____	6. Highway Monitoring Devices (Check all that apply) <input type="checkbox"/> Yes - Photo/Video Recording <input type="checkbox"/> Yes - Vehicle Presence Detection <input type="checkbox"/> None	

Part IV: Physical Characteristics

1. Traffic Lanes Crossing Railroad Number of Lanes _____ <input type="checkbox"/> One-way Traffic <input type="checkbox"/> Two-way Traffic <input type="checkbox"/> Divided Traffic	2. Is Roadway/Pathway Paved? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	3. Does Track Run Down a Street? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	4. Is Crossing Illuminated? (Street lights within approx. 50 feet from nearest rail) <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
5. Crossing Surface (on Main Track, multiple types allowed) Installation Date * (MM/YYYY) ____/____/____ Width * _____ Length * _____ <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Timber <input type="checkbox"/> 2 Asphalt <input type="checkbox"/> 3 Asphalt and Timber <input type="checkbox"/> 4 Concrete <input type="checkbox"/> 5 Concrete and Rubber <input type="checkbox"/> 6 Rubber <input type="checkbox"/> 7 Metal <input type="checkbox"/> 8 Unconsolidated <input type="checkbox"/> 9 Composite <input type="checkbox"/> 10 Other (specify) _____			
6. Intersecting Roadway within 500 feet? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If Yes, Approximate Distance (feet) _____		7. Smallest Crossing Angle <input type="checkbox"/> 0° - 29° <input type="checkbox"/> 30° - 59° <input type="checkbox"/> 60° - 90°	8. Is Commercial Power Available? * <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

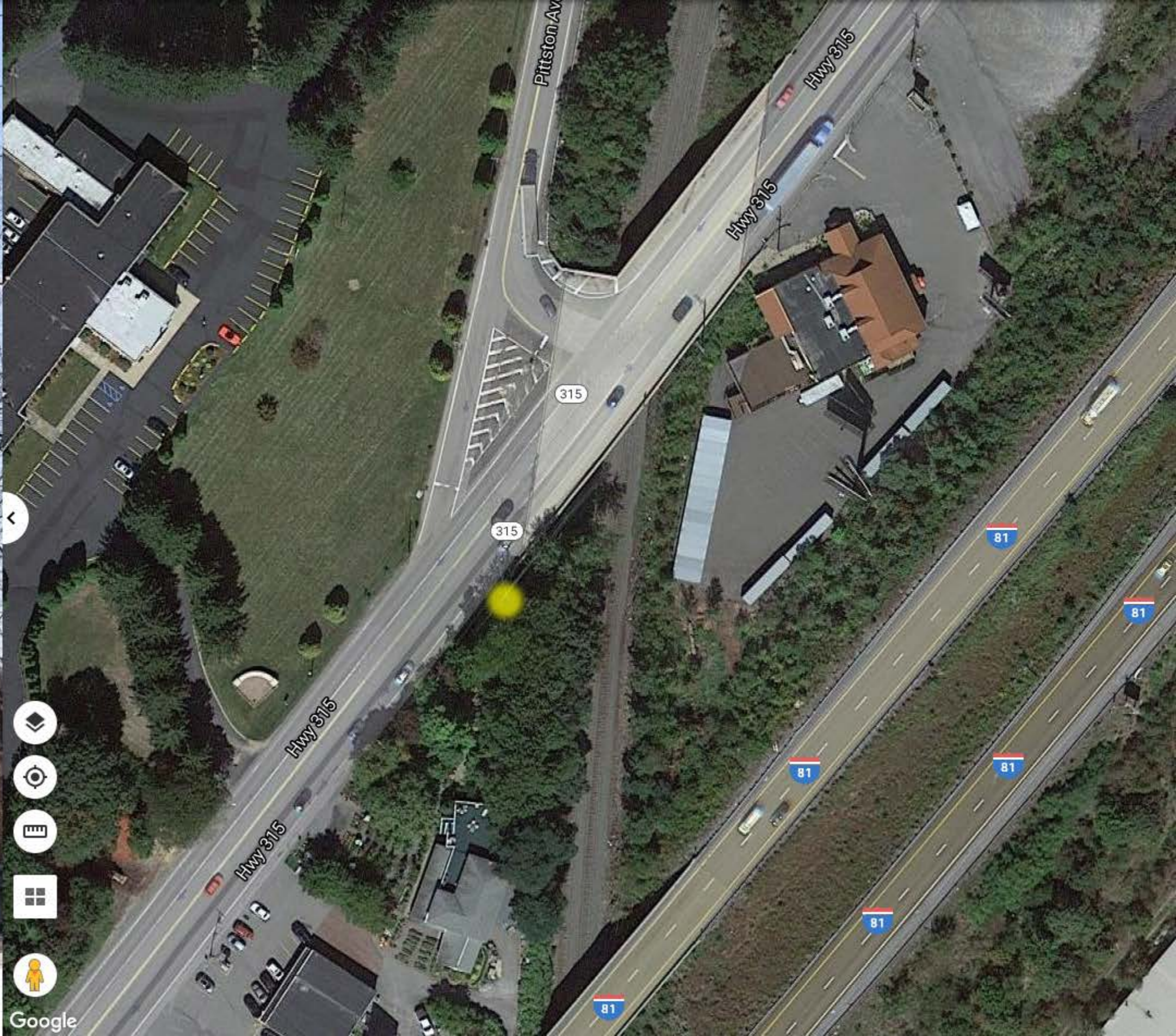
Part V: Public Highway Information

1. Highway System <input type="checkbox"/> (01) Interstate Highway System <input type="checkbox"/> (02) Other Nat Hwy System (NHS) <input type="checkbox"/> (03) Federal AID, Not NHS <input type="checkbox"/> (08) Non-Federal Aid	2. Functional Classification of Road at Crossing <input type="checkbox"/> (0) Rural <input type="checkbox"/> (1) Urban <input type="checkbox"/> (1) Interstate <input type="checkbox"/> (5) Major Collector <input type="checkbox"/> (2) Other Freeways and Expressways <input type="checkbox"/> (3) Other Principal Arterial <input type="checkbox"/> (6) Minor Collector <input type="checkbox"/> (4) Minor Arterial <input type="checkbox"/> (7) Local		3. Is Crossing on State Highway System? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	4. Highway Speed Limit 0 _____ MPH <input type="checkbox"/> Posted <input type="checkbox"/> Statutory
			5. Linear Referencing System (LRS Route ID) *	
			6. LRS Milepost *	
7. Annual Average Daily Traffic (AADT) Year 2019 AADT 6856	8. Estimated Percent Trucks 7 %	9. Regularly Used by School Buses? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Average Number per Day 0		10. Emergency Services Route <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

Submission Information - This information is used for administrative purposes and is not available on the public website.

Submitted by _____ Organization _____ Phone _____ Date _____

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