



165 Beach Lake Highway

Honesdale, Pennsylvania 18431

December 10, 2021

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

**RE: APPLICATION FOR PUBLIC CROSSING
At 591 512W , LAUREL STREET
READING BLUE MOUNTAIN AND NORTHERN RAILROAD COMPANY
BOROUGH OF TREMONT
COUNTY OF SCHUYLKILL**

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 Laurel Street. It is located in the Borough of Tremont, Schuylkill County.

Said crossing will consist of the replacement of PPL's poles on 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 **591 512W**.

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
P.O. Box 3265
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BEFORE
PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

In re: Application of PPL Electric Utilities for approval of the alteration of the crossing 591 512W by the replacement of utility poles where Laurel Street crosses over the tracks of Reading Blue Mountain & Northern Railroad, located in Tremont Borough in Schuylkill 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.
3. PPL Electric Utilities wishes to replace the existing poles 37778S47427 and 37789S47428 in Tremont Borough, Schuylkill County, PA. The electric facilities that

cross Reading Blue Mountain & Northern Railroad rails within the public right-of-way of Laurel Street are to be transferred to the new poles.

4. The proposed construction will be a replacement of the existing utility pole on either side of the railroad crossing. The electric facility will be aerial. Laurel Street intersects the railroad at grade. See attached Exhibit "A". The completion date for this project is May 27, 2022.

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 \$30,000. 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 blue ink that reads "Joseph George". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Joseph George

Supervisor – Right of Way

§ 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: 12/10/21

Joseph George

(Signature)

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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Dated this 10th day of December, 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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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) 04 / 13 / 2021	B. Reporting Agency <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Railroad <input type="checkbox"/> Transit <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> Other	C. Reason for Update (Select only one) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Change in Data <input type="checkbox"/> New Crossing <input type="checkbox"/> Closed <input type="checkbox"/> Re-Open <input type="checkbox"/> Date Change Only <input type="checkbox"/> Change in Primary Operating RR <input type="checkbox"/> No Train Traffic <input type="checkbox"/> Quiet Zone Update <input type="checkbox"/> Admin. Correction	D. DOT Crossing Inventory Number 591512W
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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 SCHUYLKILL	
4. City / Municipality <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> In <input type="checkbox"/> Near TREMONT		5. Street/Road Name & Block Number Laurel Street <small>(Street/Road Name) * (Block Number)</small>		6. Highway Type & No. BORO	
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 type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No If Yes, Specify RR		
9. Railroad Division or Region <input type="checkbox"/> None READING		10. Railroad Subdivision or District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None		11. Branch or Line Name <input type="checkbox"/> None TREMONT RT	
12. RR Milepost 0014.300 <small>(prefix) (nnnn.nnn) (suffix)</small>		13. Line Segment *			
14. Nearest RR Timetable Station *		15. Parent RR (if applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A		16. Crossing Owner (if applicable) <input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> At Grade <input type="checkbox"/> RR Under <input type="checkbox"/> RR Over	
20. Public Access (if Private Crossing) <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		21. Type of Train <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Freight <input type="checkbox"/> Intercity Passenger <input type="checkbox"/> Commuter		22. Average Passenger Train Count Per Day <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Less Than One Per Day <input type="checkbox"/> Number Per Day	
23. Type of Land Use <input type="checkbox"/> Open Space <input type="checkbox"/> Farm <input checked="" 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 <small>(WGS84 std: nn.nnnnnnn)</small> 40.627405		28. Longitude in decimal degrees <small>(WGS84 std: -nnn.nnnnnnn)</small> -76.388594	
29. Lat/Long Source <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Actual <input type="checkbox"/> Estimated		30.A. Railroad Use *			
30.B. Railroad Use *		31.A. State Use *			
30.C. Railroad Use *		31.B. State Use * RBMN			
30.D. Railroad Use *		31.C. State Use *			
30.E. Railroad Use *		31.D. State Use *			
32.A. Narrative (Railroad Use) *			32.B. Narrative (State Use) *		
33. Emergency Notification Telephone No. (posted) 844-864-2161		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) 2	1.B. Total Night Thru Trains (6 PM to 6 AM) 0	1.C. Total Switching Trains 0	1.D. Total Transit Trains 0	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) 2021		3. Speed of Train at Crossing 3.A. Maximum Timetable Speed (mph) 10 3.B. Typical Speed Range Over Crossing (mph) From 0 to 10		
4. Type and Count of Tracks Main 1 Siding 0 Yard 0 Transit 0 Industry 0				
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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> None				
6. Is Track Signaled? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		7.A. Event Recorder <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		7.B. Remote Health Monitoring <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

