



Verizon Pennsylvania LLC  
Right of Way Department

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September 23, 2022

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

**RE:DOT # 148-739-X**

Bell Township Jefferson County

Dear Ms. Chiavetta:

Enclosed is an application to the PUC for Verizon Pennsylvania LLC to place a fiber optic cable crossing in the Township of Bell, County of Jefferson and must cross the Buffalo & Pittsburgh Railroad, in the public right of way of Smyerstown, Crossing #148-739-X.

All parties have been notified.

Sincerely

Kathleen Meeks  
Engineer III-Specialist

**BEFORE  
PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

In re: Application of Verizon Pennsylvania LLC for approval to place an aerial fiber optic cable located in the Township of Bell, Jefferson County. To complete this work, we must cross Buffalo & Pittsburgh Railroad in the public right of way of Smyerstown Road, Crossing #148-739-X

Application  
Docket No.

To Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission:

1. The name and address of applicant are  
Verizon Pennsylvania LLC  
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40 S. Mercer St.  
New Castle, PA 16101

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2. The name and address of applicant's attorney are

Susan D. Paiva  
Assistant General Counsel  
900 Race Street  
6<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Philadelphia, PA 19107

3. Verizon Pennsylvania LLC requests permission to place an aerial fiber optic cable in the Township of Bell, Jefferson County. **Projected Start Date for this project is December 15, 2022.**
4. The proposed construction will involve a placement of an aerial fiber optic cable inside a new innerduct being attached to existing Verizon poles 82/82 and 82/81 (Exhibit A)
5. The municipalities and property owners concerned in, or affected by, the crossing alterations are in Exhibit "B".
6. Verizon will plan to cross the tracks during non-use time so that train schedules are not affected, if possible. For local traffic, Verizon will establish a safe work zone using flaggers according to Padot practice PATA 107.
7. The estimated cost of this construction project is \$100,000. Completion Date December 16, 2022.
8. The construction is necessary or proper for the following reasons: For Verizon to provide Broadband capacity to Verizon and it's customers.

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

Kathleen Meeks

**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, Kathleen Meeks, 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: 09/23/22 Kathleen Meeks  
(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

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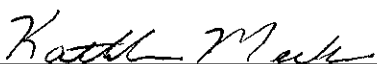
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103 Runway Dr  
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Penelec / First Energy Corporation  
Attention: Michael Kephart, Engineer  
820 South Fourth Street  
Clearfield, PA 16830

Comcast CATV  
Attn: Doug Olszewski  
1 Comcast Drive  
Blairsville, PA 15717

Dated this 23rd day of September, 2022

  
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(Signature)

**Exhibit B**

Daniel D. Leonard, P.E. | Grade Crossing Engineer  
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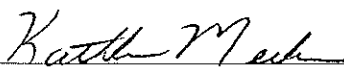
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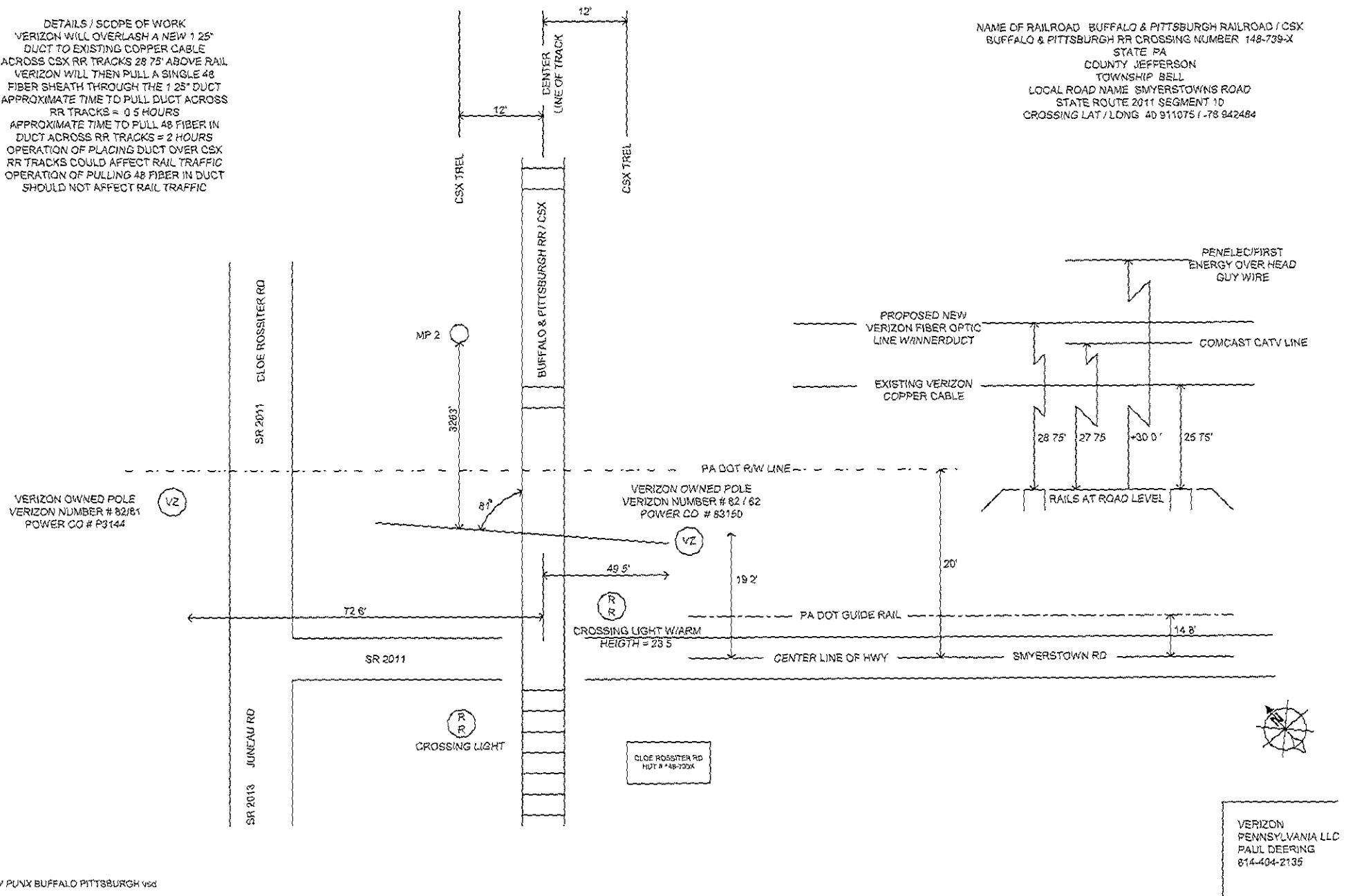
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**DETAILS / SCOPE OF WORK**  
 VERIZON WILL OVERLASH A NEW 1.25" DUCT TO EXISTING COPPER CABLE ACROSS CSX RR TRACKS 28.75' ABOVE RAIL. VERIZON WILL THEN PULL A SINGLE 48 FIBER SHEATH THROUGH THE 1.25" DUCT. APPROXIMATE TIME TO PULL DUCT ACROSS RR TRACKS = 0.5 HOURS. APPROXIMATE TIME TO PULL 48 FIBER IN DUCT ACROSS RR TRACKS = 2 HOURS. OPERATION OF PLACING DUCT OVER CSX RR TRACKS COULD AFFECT RAIL TRAFFIC. OPERATION OF PULLING 48 FIBER IN DUCT SHOULD NOT AFFECT RAIL TRAFFIC.

NAME OF RAILROAD: BUFFALO & PITTSBURGH RAILROAD / CSX  
 BUFFALO & PITTSBURGH RR CROSSING NUMBER: 148-739-X  
 STATE: PA  
 COUNTY: JEFFERSON  
 TOWNSHIP: BELL  
 LOCAL ROAD NAME: SMYERSTOWNS ROAD  
 STATE ROUTE: 2011 SEGMENT 1D  
 CROSSING LAT / LONG: 40 911075 / -78 942484



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