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IN REPLY PLEASE
REFER TO OUR FILE

February 9, 2023

A-2022-3036803

Via Eservice and Email Only
TO ALL PARTIES OF RECORD

Application of Peoples Natural Gas Company, LLC for approval to alter the public crossing (DOT 145 570 P) by the installation of a 4-inch gas pipeline and 8-inch steel casing where Thomas Eighty Four Road (State Route 1055) crosses, at grade, the track of Allegheny Valley Railroad Company located in North Strabane Township, Washington County.

To Whom It May Concern:

By application filed with the Commission on November 15, 2022, Peoples Natural Gas Company, LLC seeks Commission approval to alter the public crossing (DOT 145 570 P) by the installation of a 4-inch gas pipeline and 8-inch steel casing where Thomas Eighty Four Road (State Route 1055) crosses, at grade, the track of Allegheny Valley Railroad Company located in North Strabane Township, Washington County.

The new 4-inch medium density polyethylene (MDPE) gas pipeline will be inserted into an 8-inch steel casing line that will be bored and provide a minimum vertical cover of 5.5-feet from the bottom of rail to the new steel casing pipe.

Following the receipt of comments from Allegheny Valley Railroad Company, Peoples Natural Gas Company efile revised plans and a pipe data sheet with the Commission on February 7, 2023.

The Commission hereby establishes its jurisdictional limits at the subject crossing as the area within the confines of the railroad right-of-way and the highway right-of-way.

In its application, Peoples Natural Gas Company, LLC states that the proposed installation is necessary to replace aging bare steel pipeline. Peoples Natural Gas Company, LLC will be directed to perform the necessary installation, provide for maintenance and protection of highway and pedestrian traffic during installation and accept future maintenance responsibility for the new facilities, at its sole cost and expense. The cost of the project is anticipated to be approximately \$25,000.

All work is to be performed in accordance with the plan hereby entitled: "EXHIBIT A" consisting of two (2) sheets submitted to the Commission on February 7, 2023.

Peoples Natural Gas Company, LLC served a copy of the application and plan on Washington County, North Strabane Township, Allegheny Valley Railroad Company, the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, Pennsylvania American Water, First Energy, and Comcast Cable. All parties of record were queried by letter dated November 22, 2022, sent via email as to any objection to the subject application and plan. None of the parties have responded with any objection to the subject application or plan.

The Commission has exclusive jurisdiction in crossing alterations and is the final arbiter of any fees associated with a crossing application. Any conditions, including fees associated with a crossing application, must be approved by the Commission.

Upon full consideration of the matters involved, we find that a hearing is not necessary and that a Secretarial Letter may be issued approving the application.

The Commission issues this Secretarial Letter in accordance with Section 2702 of the Public Utility Code and finds that the alteration of the crossing is necessary and proper for the service, accommodation, convenience, or safety of the public.

The application of Peoples Natural Gas Company, LLC is approved as herein directed:

1. The caption of the subject proceeding is hereby revised as shown herein.
2. The public crossing (DOT 145 570 P) where Thomas Eighty Four Road (State Route 1055) crosses, at grade, the track of Allegheny Valley Railroad Company in North Strabane Township, Washington County be altered generally in accordance with the installation plan hereby entitled: "EXHIBIT A" consisting of two (2) sheets provided to the Commission on February 7, 2023; which plan is made part hereof and is hereby approved except insofar as it may relate to the division of work, deletion of work, or the allocation of costs and expenses incident to the installation of the project.
3. Peoples Natural Gas Company, LLC, at its sole cost and expense, furnish all material and perform all work necessary to alter the crossing by the installation of a 4-inch gas pipeline and 8-inch steel casing within the joint right-of-way of the highway where Thomas Eighty Four Road (State Route 1055) crosses, at grade, the track of Allegheny Valley Railroad Company; all in accordance with the approved plan and this Secretarial Letter.
4. Peoples Natural Gas Company, LLC, at its sole cost and expense, furnish all material and perform all work necessary to establish and maintain any detours or traffic controls that may be required to properly and safely accommodate highway and pedestrian traffic during the time the crossing is being altered.
5. Any relocation of, changes in and/or removal of any adjacent structures, equipment or other facilities of any non-carrier public utility, other than Peoples Natural Gas Company, LLC, which may be required as incidental to the alteration of the crossing, be made by said public utility at its initial cost, and in such a manner as will not interfere with the alteration of the crossing; and such relocated or altered facilities thereafter be maintained by said public utility, at its sole cost and expense.

6. Allegheny Valley Railroad Company, at the sole cost and expense of Peoples Natural Gas Company, LLC, furnish all material and perform all work relating to its facilities which may be required as incidental to the performance of the proposed work and furnish any watchmen, flagmen, inspectors and/or engineering services that may be deemed necessary to protect the railroad's operations or facilities during the time the facilities are being installed.

7. Peoples Natural Gas Company, LLC, at its sole cost and expense, furnish all material and perform all work necessary to complete the remainder of the project, and any other ancillary features of the project, generally in accordance with the approved plan and this Secretarial Letter.

8. The alteration of the crossing be completed on or before February 29, 2024, and that on or before said date Peoples Natural Gas Company, LLC, report in writing the date of actual completion of the work to this Commission and certify to the parties of record and this Commission that the work has been satisfactorily completed in accordance with the approved plan and this Secretarial Letter.

9. Peoples Natural Gas Company, LLC, at its sole cost and expense, pay all compensation for damages, if any, due to owners of property taken, injured, or destroyed by reason of the alteration of the crossing in accordance with this Secretarial Letter.

10. All parties involved herein cooperate fully with each other so that during the time the work is being performed, vehicular, pedestrian and railroad traffic will not be endangered or unnecessarily inconvenienced, and so that the requirements of each of the parties will be provided for and accommodated insofar as possible.

11. Peoples Natural Gas Company, LLC cooperate with the non-carrier utilities involved, so that during the alteration of the involved crossing, the facilities of the non-carrier utilities will not be endangered or unnecessarily interrupted.

12. Peoples Natural Gas Company, LLC, at least seven (7) days prior to the start of work, notify all parties of record of the actual date on which work will begin.

13. Upon completion of the alteration of the crossing, Peoples Natural Gas Company, LLC, at its sole cost and expense, furnish all material and perform all work necessary thereafter to maintain the new 4-inch gas pipeline and 8-inch steel casing and any ancillary facilities installed in accordance with the approved plan and this Secretarial Letter.

14. Upon completion of the alteration of the crossing, Allegheny Valley Railroad Company, at its sole cost and expense, furnish all material and perform all work necessary thereafter to maintain its railroad facilities at the subject crossing, including warning devices and all appurtenant equipment, and maintain at all times in a smooth and satisfactory condition the crossing surface located between the rails and for a distance of twenty-four (24) inches beyond the outermost rails; all in accordance with Part 8 of the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices and this Secretarial Letter, and provide the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation at least ten (10) business days advance notice when performing any work as directed by this paragraph that may affect their facilities.

15. Upon completion of the alteration of the crossing, the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, at its sole cost and expense, furnish all material and do all work necessary thereafter to maintain the highway approach roadway of the subject crossing, including the grade crossing advance warning signs, pavement markings, and stop lines, if required, to points twenty-four (24) inches beyond each outside rail; all in accordance with Part 8 of the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices and this Secretarial Letter, and provide Allegheny Valley Railroad Company at least ten (10) business days advance notice when performing any work as directed by this paragraph that may affect their facilities.

16. Upon completion of the work herein directed, and upon written request from any party of record, this proceeding be scheduled for a hearing at a time and place to be determined by the Commission, for the purpose of taking testimony upon the final allocation of any remaining costs incurred by the non-carrier utility companies and other matters relevant to this proceeding.

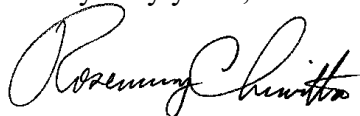
The Parties are reminded that failure to comply with this or any Order or Secretarial Letter in this proceeding may result in an enforcement action seeking civil penalties and/or other sanctions pursuant to 66 Pa. C.S. § 3301.

The Commission has waived certain regulatory service provisions as directed by the Commission's Order at M-2021-3028321. Currently, while the Commission's physical facilities are open for business, some of the operational restraints occasioned by the pandemic remain. It is evident that the pandemic and its changing nature require certain procedural flexibility for the public, the regulated community, and the Commission. Toward this end, the Commission will continue to permit electronic service by the Commission on all parties, regardless of whether a particular party has agreed to electronic service. An exception to this general waiver is where the Public Utility Code requires service by specified means, e.g., Section 702. Additionally, service on Commission staff in proceedings pending before it, whether staff is a party or otherwise, shall be exclusively electronic unless the parties agree otherwise. Filings must be submitted by e-filing with the Secretary of the Commission by opening an e-filing account through the Commission's website and accepting eservice at <https://www.puc.pa.gov/filing-resources/efiling/>. If your filing contains confidential material, you are required to file by overnight delivery to ensure the timely filing of your submission.

If you are dissatisfied with the resolution of this matter, you may, as set forth in 52 Pa. Code §§ 1.31 and 5.44, file a Petition for Reconsideration from Staff Action (Petition) with the Commission within twenty (20) days of the date of this letter. The Petition shall be submitted by e-filing said petition within twenty (20) days, or if no timely request is made, the action will be deemed to be a final action of the Commission.

The Petition MUST include: (1) a written statement (divided into numbered paragraphs) outlining the reasons for the request; (2) the case docket number (it is provided for you at the top right-hand corner of this letter); (3) the party on whose behalf the petition is made; (4) a Certificate of Service on the other parties of record; and (5) a Verification with original signature in accordance with 52 Pa. Code § 1.36.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Rosemary Chiavetta". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent initial "R".

Rosemary Chiavetta
Secretary