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400 NORTH STREET  
HARRISBURG, PENNSYLVANIA 17120

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IN REPLY PLEASE  
REFER TO OUR FILE  
A-2022-3036367

**Via Eservice and Email Only**  
**TO ALL PARTIES OF RECORD**

Application of the Department of Transportation of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for approval to rehabilitate and alter the public at grade crossing where Industrial Park Road (T-605) crosses two (2) tracks of R.J. Corman Railroad Company/Pennsylvania Lines, Inc, (DOT# 928 037 G) in Lawrence Township, Clearfield County, and the allocation of costs incident thereto.

To Whom It May Concern:

By application filed with the Commission on October 26, 2022, the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) is seeking commission approval to rehabilitate and alter the public at grade crossing (DOT# 928 037 G) where Industrial Park Road (T-605) crosses the tracks of R.J. Corman Railroad Company/Pennsylvania Lines, Inc, (R.J. Corman Railroad Company,) in Lawrence Township, Clearfield County.

Upon receipt of the application, a field investigation and conference was arranged by a Commission staff engineer and held at the site of the crossing on January 5, 2023 with representatives of PennDOT, R.J. Corman Railroad Company, and Lawrence Township as well as the local businesses Lezzer Lumber Company, PGP, and Clearly Ahead in attendance.

At the field conference, it was noted that Industrial Park Road is a two (2) lane asphalt roadway with asphalt paved shoulders. The crossing surfaces of each track consists of high type concrete. Grade crossing warning signs (cross bucks) (R15-1) and advance warning signs (W10-1) are present on each approach (these warning signs may need to be relocated upon completion of proposed work). There are no pavement markings visible on the approaches. There are no sidewalks present at the crossing. One set of tracks service various local businesses at this location, while the second set of tracks are no longer in service and have been partially removed beyond the grade crossing.

PennDOT in conjunction with Lawrence Township, proposes that the set of tracks crossing Industrial Park Road that are not in service be removed, the existing grade crossing warning signs be relocated a proper distance from the crossing, and full depth pavement reclamation and road resurfacing on the approaches to the subject crossing be performed.

R.J. Corman Railroad Company will be directed to cut the set of out-of-service rails in the vicinity of the subject crossing pertaining to the set of out-of-service tracks. Lawrence Township will be directed to remove the high-type concrete as part of their full depth pavement reclamation and road resurfacing project. Lawrence Township will also be directed to restore this disturbed area (where the tracks are to be removed) and accept future maintenance responsibilities of the highway through the former crossing area. R.J. Corman Railroad Company will be directed to maintain the existing remaining set of in-service tracks and maintain the associated high-type concrete crossing surface in a smooth and satisfactory condition.

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.

The estimated total cost for the project is \$1,292,207. The Applicant anticipates that the funding for the project may be federal funds and state funds.

PennDOT has served a copy of the application to all parties in interest. None of the parties in interest have responded with any objection to the subject application.

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, and inasmuch as none of the parties offered any objection to the proposed project 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 the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation is approved as herein directed:

1. The public at grade crossing where Industrial Park Road (T-605) crosses the tracks of R.J. Corman Railroad Company/Pennsylvania Lines, Inc, (DOT# 928 037 G) in Lawrence Township, Clearfield County be altered as herein directed.

2. R.J. Corman Railroad Company/Pennsylvania Lines, Inc, at its sole cost and expense, cut steel rails leading to the set of out-of-service tracks in the vicinity the of the Industrial Road crossing.

3. Lawrence Township, at its sole cost and expense, furnish all material and do all work necessary remove the high type concrete associated with the set of out-of-service tracks, restore the area with pavement and road resurfacing, and maintain the highway approaches of the remaining subject crossing in a smooth and satisfactory condition through the entire area.

4. Lawrence Township, at its sole cost and expense, furnish all material and perform all work necessary to alter the crossing by conducting a full depth pavement reclamation and road resurfacing on the approaches to the where Industrial Park Road (T-605) crosses the tracks of R.J. Corman Railroad Company/Pennsylvania Lines, Inc, (DOT# 928 037 G), in Lawrence Township, Clearfield County, all in accordance with this Secretarial Letter.

5. Lawrence Township, 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.

6. Any relocation of, changes in and/or removal of any adjacent structures, equipment or other facilities of any non-carrier public utility, 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.

7. R.J. Corman Railroad Company/Pennsylvania Lines, Inc, at the sole cost and expense of Lawrence Township, 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.

8. Lawrence Township, 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 this Secretarial Letter.

9. The alteration of the crossing be completed on or before December 31, 2027, and that on or before said date Lawrence Township, 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 plans and this Secretarial Letter.

10. Lawrence Township, 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.

11. 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.

12. Lawrence Township, cooperate with any 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.

13. Lawrence Township, at least fourteen (14) days prior to the start of work, notify all parties in interest of the actual date on which work will begin.

14. Upon completion of the alteration of the crossing, R.J. Corman Railroad Company/Pennsylvania Lines, Inc, 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 remaining high-type concrete crossing surface, all in accordance with Part 8 of the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices and this Secretarial Letter, and provide Lawrence Township at least ten (10) business days advance notice when performing any work that may affect their facilities as directed by this paragraph.

15. Upon completion of the alteration of the crossing, Lawrence Township, 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 to the edge of the existing high-type concrete crossing surface and in addition, maintain the grade crossing advance warning signs, stop lines and pavement markings, if required, all in accordance with Part 8 of the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices and this Secretarial Letter, and provide R.J. Corman Railroad Company/Pennsylvania Lines, Inc, at least ten (10) business days advance notice when performing any work that may affect their facilities as directed by this paragraph.

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 any carrier or non-carrier utility companies and other matters relevant to this proceeding.

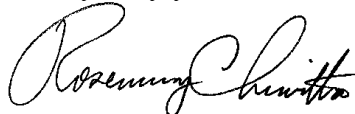
The Parties are reminded that failure to comply with this or any Order or Secretarial Letter in this proceeding may result in an enforcement action seeking civil penalties and/or other sanctions pursuant to 66 Pa. C.S. § 3301.

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, appearing to read "Rosemary Chiavetta". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being particularly prominent.

Rosemary Chiavetta  
Secretary