

May 30, 2023

Rosemary Chiavetta, Secretary  
Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission  
400 North Street  
Harrisburg, PA 17120

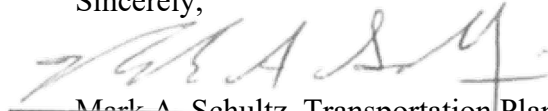
Re: ***Application of the Department of Transportation of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for approval to abolish the public at grade crossing where Shaffer Road (State Route 4017) crossed the track of Buffalo & Pittsburgh Railroad, Inc., DOT Number 148 682Y in Sandy Township, Clearfield County, and the allocation of costs incident thereto.***

Dear Secretary Chiavetta:

Enclosed for filing, please find the Application of the Department of Transportation.

A copy of this Application and Exhibits has been served upon the parties in the Certificate of Service to the Application.

Sincerely,



Mark A. Schultz, Transportation Planning Manager  
Engineering District 2-0  
Department of Transportation

Attachments

cc: Parties of Record

Mark J. Chappell, P.E., Chief, Right-of-Way, Utilities, and Grade Crossing Division, 7<sup>th</sup> Floor, CKB

Karen L. Cummings, Office of Chief Counsel, 9<sup>th</sup> Floor, CKB

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**BEFORE THE  
PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

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Application  
Docket No. \_\_\_\_\_

**Electronically Filed**

APPLICATION OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, DEPARTMENT OF  
TRANSPORTATION

Applicant, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Transportation, files this Application pursuant to the provisions of 66 Pa.C.S § 2702 and 52 Pa. Code § 5.13 to abolish the public at grade crossing where Shaffer Road crossed tracks of Buffalo & Pittsburgh Railroad, Inc. at DOT Number 148.682.Y in Sandy Township, Clearfield County as described below:

1. The name and address of Applicant are Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Transportation, Dean D. Ball, P.E., Assistant District Executive, Engineering District 2-0, 70 PennDOT Drive, Clearfield, PA 16830.
  
2. The name and address of attorney for the Applicant are Karen L. Cummings, Senior Counsel, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Transportation, Office of Chief Counsel, PO Box 8212, Harrisburg, PA 17105-8212.
  
3. The Applicant is an agency of Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, organized and existing under the Administrative Code of 1929, 71 P.S. § 511, et seq. and generally 36 P.S. § 670 - 401 et seq.

4. The names and addresses of the persons, parties and entities concerned in, or affected by the proposed construction, to the best of the Applicant's knowledge, are shown in the certificate of service. In addition to those served, the Applicant requests that the following also receive service of all documents in this matter:

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5. The Applicant is seeking approval to abolish the grade crossing where Shaffer Road, SR 4017, crossed tracks of Buffalo & Pittsburgh Railroad, Inc. at segment 20 offset 0000, DOT Number 148 682Y in Sandy Township, Clearfield County. Buffalo & Pittsburgh Railroad Inc. has removed the tracks and crossing from this area and has no current plan to reinstate the crossing. A Location Map is attached hereto and marked as Exhibit A.

6. The Applicant is aware of prior Public Utility Commission orders for this crossing at Docket Number(s): A-2008-2049466 and A-00100953

7. The average daily traffic for State Route 4017 at this crossing is 12,422 vehicles with 3% trucks.

8. A conference of all parties of interest should be held to discuss the proposed abolishment.

Wherefore, Applicant respectfully requests that the Public Utility Commission approve this Application.

Respectfully Submitted:



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Dated: 5/30/2023

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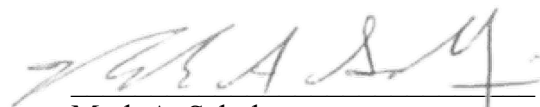
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VERIFICATION

I, Mark A. Schultz, Transportation Planning Manager, hereby state that the facts above set forth 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: 5/30/2023

  
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Mark A. Schultz  
Transportation Planning Manager

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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 52 Pa. Code § 1.54, by first class mail, postage prepaid:

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