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**BEFORE
PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

In re: Application of Reading Blue Mountain & Northern Railroad for approval of the construction of the crossing (AAR #) where SR 61 crosses at grade the tracks of Reading Blue Mountain & Northern Railroad, located in Muhlenberg Township in Berks county. To Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission:

Application
Docket No.

1. **The name and address of applicant are:** Reading Blue Mountain & Northern Railroad having offices located at 1 Railroad Blvd, Port Clinton, PA 19549 and a mailing address of PO Box 218 Port Clinton, PA 19549.

2. **The name and address of applicant's attorney are:** Larry Moran, 9 N. Main Street, Suite 4, Pittston, PA 18640.

3. **(This paragraph to contain a general statement of the nature and character of service rendered by the applicant and the corporate right to alter said crossing).**

Reading Blue Mountain & Northern Railroad is a freight and passenger railroad serving over 50 customers in 9 counties throughout Pennsylvania. One such customer Reading Blue Mountain & Northern Railroad is seeking to provide rail service for is located on the east side of SR 61 in Muhlenberg Township, Berks County at the location Reading Blue Mountain & Northern Railroad is applying to construct at grade crossing. This customer has invested in construction of rail sidings on customer property located on the east side of SR 61 in Muhlenberg Township, Berks County, and Reading Blue Mountain & Northern Railroad has property located on the west side of SR 61 in Muhlenberg Township, Berks county of which Reading Blue Mountain & Northern Railroad has invested in construction of rail siding to ultimately connect to customer's rail siding on the east side of SR 61 on customer property. This customer receives an estimated 12,000 to 16,000 trucks yearly a part of their operations as a processing and distribution center for inbound hot asphalt that is then used for roofing and road construction. This customer supplies hot asphalt for entities such as PennDOT for road construction. A result of Reading Blue Mountain & Northern Railroad providing rail service to this customer will be reduced truck activity on State highways which will be a public safety and environmental benefit.

4. **(This paragraph to contain a brief, concise statement of the nature and character of the construction or alteration, approval of which is sought, reference being made to plans filed as exhibits.)**

Reading Blue Mountain & Northern Railroad seeks to construct an at grade crossing

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on SR 61 in Muhlenberg Township, Berks County as depicted on attached plan "Exhibit A". The crossing surface will be asphalt with rubber flangeways. This crossing will be protected by installation of gates and flashers.

5. (This paragraph to contain the names of public utilities, municipalities, corporations, or property owners concerned in or affected by the proposed alteration of the crossing. If consent to the proposed construction, abolition, etc., has been obtained from any municipality or department of the government of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, verified copies of such consent should be filed asexhibits.)

Public utilities in public right of way of SR 61 in Muhlenberg Township, Berks County include: UGI, Reading Area Water Authority, Muhlenberg Township Water Authority. Public entities located in the vicinity of the proposed crossing include: Muhlenberg Township, Berks County, and PennDOT.

6. (This paragraph to contain a statement of the number of persons and vehicles of all kinds using the highway at the crossing for three days, preferably a Friday, Saturday and Sunday, the count to be taken 24 hours each day, and a classified statement verified by affidavit of the persons making the count must be attached as an exhibit.)

7. (This paragraph to contain a statement of the expenses connected with the proposed construction, alteration, abolition, or suspension and from what sources it is proposed to provide such funds.)

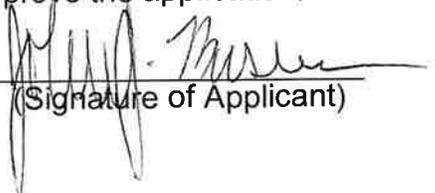
Reading Blue Mountain & Northern Railroad will assume the costs associated with the railroad construction of this proposed crossing. Any and all other cost responsibilities need to be determined at PUC site visit.

8. The (construction, alteration, relocation, abolition or suspension) is necessary or proper for the following reasons:

The construction of this proposed crossing is necessary because Reading Blue Mountain & Northern Railroad has common carrier obligations to serve the needs of current and future customers. A crossing at this location on SR 61 in Muhlenberg Township, Berks County, is necessary to connect Reading Blue Mountain & Northern Railroad property and siding on the west side of SR 61 to customer property and siding on the east side of SR 61.

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


(Signature of Applicant)

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§ 1.36. Verification.

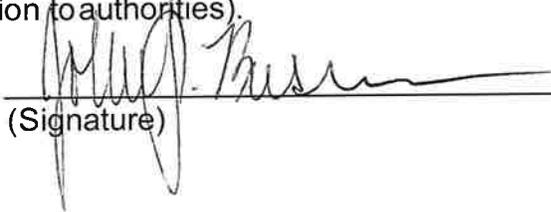
(a) Applications, petitions, formal complaints, motions and answers thereto containing an averment of fact not appearing of record in the action or containing a denial of fact shall be personally verified by a party thereto or by an authorized officer of the party if a corporation or association. Verification 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.

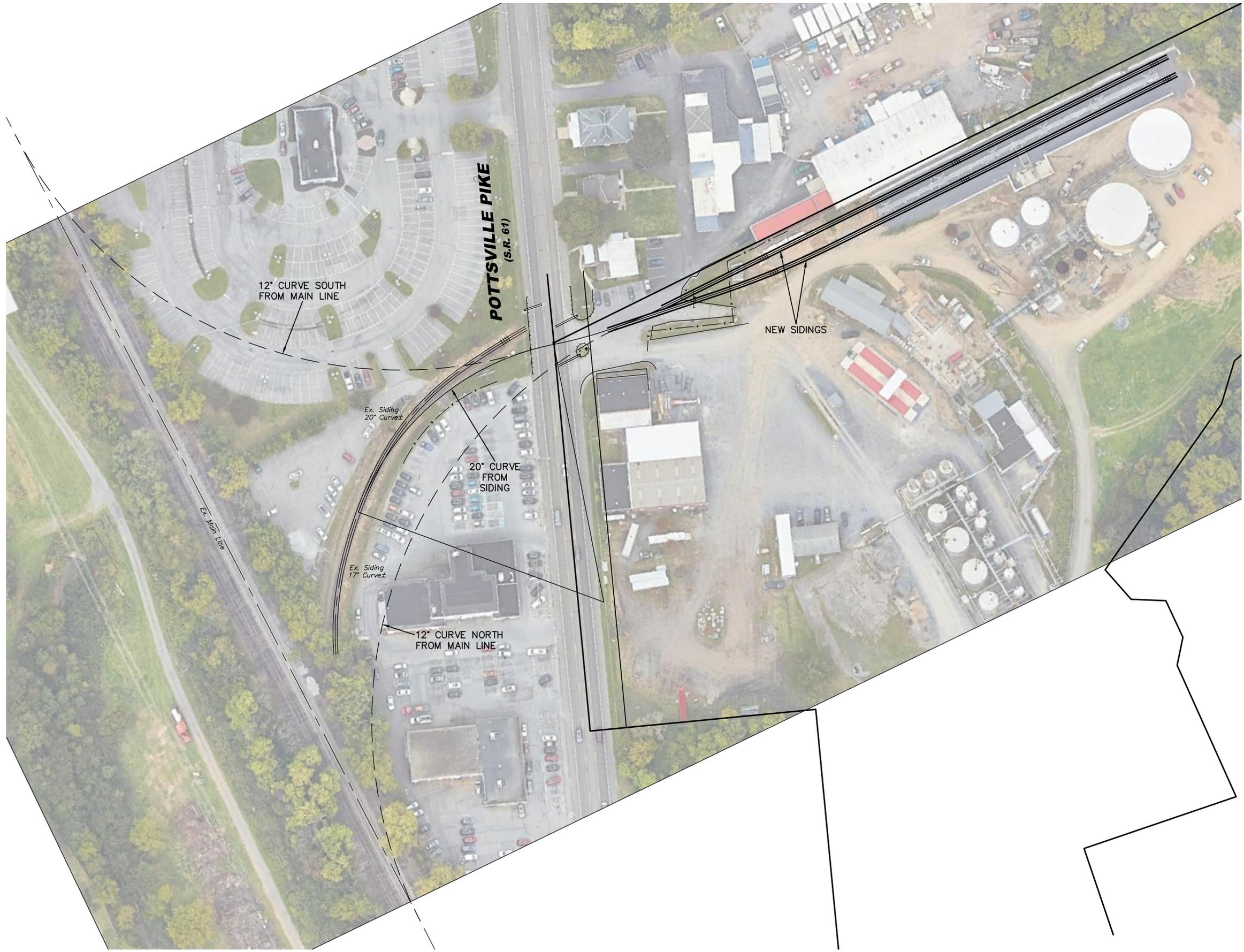
(b) The Verification form should comply substantially with the following:

VERIFICATION

I, Jolene Buscher, 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: 7/27/23


(Signature)



POTTSVILLE PIKE
(S.R. 61)

12° CURVE SOUTH
FROM MAIN LINE

NEW SIDINGS

Ex. Siding
20° Curve±

20° CURVE
FROM
SIDING

Ex. Main Line

Ex. Siding
17° Curve±

12° CURVE NORTH
FROM MAIN LINE

Certificate of Service

I hereby certify that I have this day served a true and correct copy of the foregoing Request for Extension upon parties of record in this proceeding in accordance with the requirements of 52 PA Code 1.54 (relating to service by a participant), in the manner and upon persons listed below.

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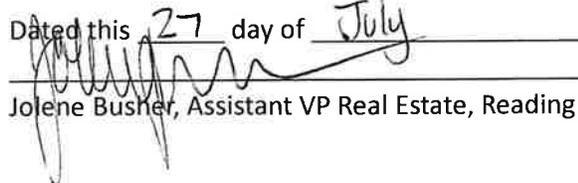
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Dated this 27 day of July, 2023.


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