



August 10, 2023

Ms. Rosemary Chiavetta, Secretary
Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission
400 North Street
Harrisburg, PA 17105-3265

Re: Application of the Department of Transportation of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for approval to alter the public at grade crossings by upgrading warning devices and replacing crossing surface where State Route 1020 crosses the tracks of Southwest Pennsylvania Railroad Company, DOT Numbers 145 306 G and 145 314 Y in North Union Township, Fayette 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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Thomas A. Ryczek Jr." The signature is fluid and cursive.

Thomas A. Ryczek Jr.
District Grade Crossing Administrator
Engineering District 12-0
Department of Transportation

Attachments

cc: Parties of Record

Mark J. Chappell, P.E., Right-of-Way, Utilities Section, 7th Floor, CKB

Karen L. Cummings, Office of Chief Counsel, 9th Floor, CKB

William Sinick, P.E., Rail Safety Engineering Section, PUC, 3rd Floor, CKB

**BEFORE THE
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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 for the alteration of the public at grade crossings where State Route 1020 crosses track of railroad at DOT 145 306 G and 145 314 Y in North Union Township, Fayette County as described below:

1. The name and address of Applicant are Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Transportation, Rachel D. Duda, P.E., Assistant District Executive, Engineering District 12-0, PO Box 459, 825 North Gallatin Avenue, Uniontown, PA 15401.

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 install automatically operated LED flashing-light crossing warning signals, bells, new crossbucks, and automatic gates at Shady Grove Road (145 306 G) Segment 0120 Offset 3276 and North Gallatin Avenue Extension (DOT No. 145 314 Y) Segment 0050 Offset 0526. A Location Map is attached hereto and marked as Exhibit "A".

6. The Applicant is aware of prior Public Utility Commission orders for DOT No. 145 306 G at Docket Numbers: X-00841661, A-2014-2455969, A-2009-2128299 and for DOT No. 145 614 Y at Docket Numbers: X-00763121, A-2014-2455931, A-2009-2128299, and A-2018-2641221.

7. The average daily traffic for State Route 1020 at crossing DOT No. 145 306 G is 1727 vehicles with 7% trucks and at crossing DOT No. 145 314 Y is 6672 vehicles with 7% trucks.

8. The estimated total cost for the project subject to the application and described above is \$650,000.00. The Applicant anticipates that the funding for the project will be 100% federal funds.

9. This project is necessary and proper for the safety and convenience of the public.

10. A conference of all parties of interest should be held to discuss the proposed project

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

Respectfully Submitted:



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by Rachel D Duda
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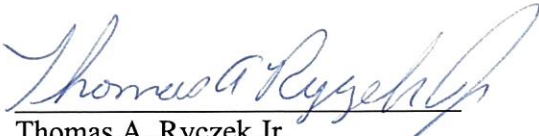
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VERIFICATION

I, Thomas A. Ryczek Jr., 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).

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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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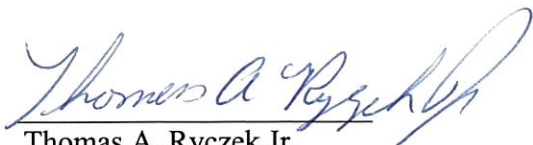
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Dated this 10th Day of August 2023



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