

DATE: October 19, 1984

SUBJECT: RLR:JJR:JEC  
Chester County  
L.R. 15122 (Graham Avenue)  
City of Coatesville  
PUC C.18838

TO: Mr. Fred W. Bowser, P.E., Director  
Bureau of Design  
1118 Transportation & Safety Building  
Harrisburg, PA

FROM: Robert L. Rowland, P.E.  
District Engineer  
Engineering District 6-0

*WJ*  
*RLR*  
*RLC / Lambert*

In response to your letter dated September 25, 1984, I recommend that you notify the PUC that we intend to reuse the existing abutments on the Graham Avenue bridge if possible.

A consulting engineering firm has been retained to prepare contract drawings and specifications. Removal of existing abutments will be made part of the reconstruction contract if core boring analyses indicate that they cannot be reused.

The party originally ordered to remove the abutments should reimburse the Department for this portion of the reconstruction work.

060/JEC/mcd  
(322-6540)

cc: H. G. Zahn, Legal, Rm. 522 T&S Bldg.  
R. L. Rowland  
D. S. Miller  
C. Lugar  
J. J. Rowan

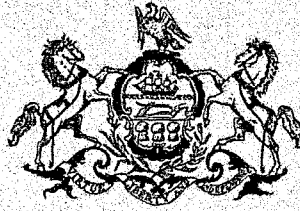
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House of Representatives  
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C-18838  
COMMITTEES

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April 8, 1986

Donald R. Fleisher, P.E.  
Civil Engineer  
Rail Safety Division  
Bureau of Safety and Compliance  
Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission  
P. O. Box 3265  
Harrisburg, PA 17120

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v.

Department of Highways of the Commonwealth  
of Pennsylvania, City of Coatesville,  
County of Chester, Penn Central Transporta-  
tion Company and National Railroad Passenger  
Corporation

Dear Mr. Fleisher:

Thank you for sending me a copy of your letter to Dennis Elko,  
Coatesville City Manager, advising him of the forthcoming field investi-  
gation and conference to be held at the site of the former Graham Avenue  
crossing over Amtrak in the City of Coatesville on April 21, 1986 at 11:30 a.m.

This letter is to advise you that the House of Representatives will be  
in Session at that time and I have requested Mr. Cecil Quash who lives at  
569 Coates Street, Coatesville, PA 19320, to act as my representative at  
the conference.

Sincerely yours,

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*Samuel W. Morris*  
Samuel W. Morris

SWM:eb

cc: Mr. Dennis Paul Elko  
Honorable Noah W. Wenger  
Mr. Cecil Quash

DEPARTMENT  
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April 2, 1986

C-00018838

(See Attached List)

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v.

Department of Highways of the Commonwealth  
of Pennsylvania, City of Coatesville,  
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tion Company and National Railroad Passenger  
Corporation

Dear \_\_\_\_\_:

This is to advise that a field investigation and conference will be held at the site of the former Graham Avenue crossing over Amtrak in the City of Coatesville on April 21, 1986 at 11:30 a.m. to discuss the reconstruction of the bridge.

Please arrange to have a representative present.

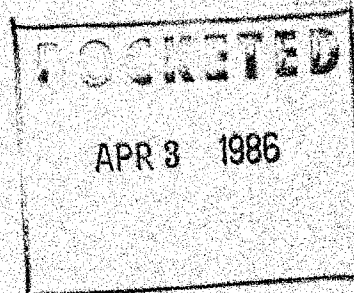
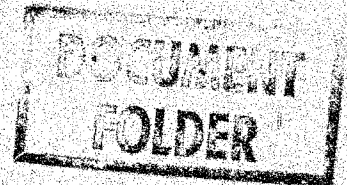
Very truly yours,

Donald R. Fleisher, P.E.  
Civil Engineer  
Rail Safety Division  
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ccs: Honorable Noah W. Wenger, Senator  
Senate Post Office  
Main Capitol Building  
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Honorable Samuel W. Morris, Member  
House of Representatives  
House Post Office  
Main Capitol Building  
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DRF/njh



"SIMILAR LETTER LIST"

W. J. Clements, P.E., Chief  
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Pennsylvania Department of Transportation  
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Harrisburg, PA 17120

J. H. Michel, P.E., Senior Director  
Engineering Design  
National Railroad Passenger Corporation  
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Dennis Paul Elko, Manager  
City of Coatesville  
53 S. Front Avenue  
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West Chester, PA 19380



DATE: JUL 15 1986  
FILE: H38.17-0279

Mr. Donald Fleischer, P. E.  
Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission  
P. O. Box 3265 Harrisburg, PA 17120

RE: OH 38.17, Graham Avenue  
Coatesville, PA  
PA P.U.C. C-00018838

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SECRETARY'S OFFICE  
Public Utility Commission

Dear Mr. Fleischer:

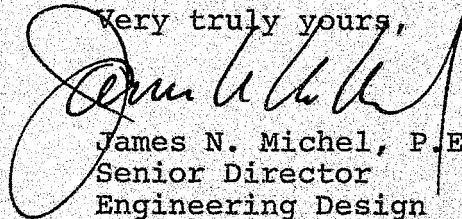
Reference is made to PennDot's petition dated May 23, 1986 in Docket C-00018838 requesting an 18'-6" vertical clearance from the top of rail to the bottom of the proposed bridge replacing the Graham Avenue bridge. The Graham Avenue bridge was removed by Amtrak under an earlier P.U.C. order.

The original Graham Avenue bridge had the lowest under clearance of all the overhead highway bridges between Philadelphia and Harrisburg and controlled movements along the railroad. The existing bridges carrying Route 30 over the railroad, east and west of Graham Avenue provide a minimum clearance of 20'-6" from top of rail to bottom of bridge. Therefore, the minimum clearance we will accept if a new bridge is constructed is 19'-0" from top of rail to the trolley wire. Our standard distance from trolley wire to the bottom of bridge is 2'-3".

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Very truly yours,

  
James N. Michel, P.E.  
Senior Director  
Engineering Design

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
Harrisburg, PA 17120



Office of Chief Counsel  
May 23, 1986

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Jerry Rich, Secretary  
Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission  
P. O. Box 3265  
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17120

MAY 27 1986

SECRETARY'S OFFICE  
Public Utility Commission

Re: Complaint Docket 00018838

Dear Mr. Rich:

Enclosed please find the original and two (2) copies of the Petition of the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation For Modification Of Order in the above entitled matter.

I hereby certify that a copy has been served on the parties of record in this case.

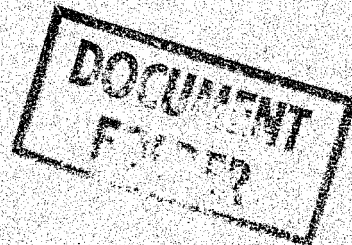
Very truly yours,

*Herbert G. Zahn*  
Herbert G. Zahn  
Assistant Counsel

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787-5931

Enclosures

cc: W. J. Clements, P. E.  
District 6-0  
Parties of Record - Pages 3 & 4



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MAY 27 1986

BEFORE THE

PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

SECRETARY'S OFFICE  
Public Utility Commission

Pennsylvania Public Utility  
Commission :

v. :

Pennsylvania Department of  
Transportation, City of  
Coatesville, County of  
Chester, Penn Central  
Corporation, National Rail-  
road Passenger Corporation  
and Consolidated Rail  
Corporation. :

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PETITION OF THE PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF  
TRANSPORTATION FOR MODIFICATION OF ORDER

TO THE HONORABLE, THE PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION:

The Petition of the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation for Modification of Order respectfully represents:

1. That the name and address of your Petitioner is the Department of Transportation of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17120.

2. That the name and address of Counsel for the Petitioner is Herbert G. Zahn, Assistant Counsel, Office of Chief Counsel, Department of Transportation, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17120.

3. That your Honorable Commission in Complaint Docket No. 00018838 issued its Order dated February 5, 1982, which, inter alia, abolished the subject crossing.

4. That paragraph 7 of said Order of February 5, 1982, provided:

That National Railroad Passenger Corporation, at its initial cost and expense, and within sixty (60) days from the date this order is entered, furnish all material and perform all work necessary to remove the superstructure and the substructure of the subject bridge to a minimum distance of one foot below a plane which slopes upward at an angle of one vertical to one and one-half horizontal in a direction away from the railroad tracks from a point at the face of the abutments at the existing ground line.

5. That National Railroad Passenger Corporation (AMTRAK) removed the superstructure of the subject bridge but, for budgetary reasons, was not able to remove the substructure at the time it removed the superstructure.

6. That the subject Graham Avenue bridge was included in Act 235 of 1982 for replacement and your petitioner was thereby caused to prepare a plan to replace the said bridge.

7. That your Honorable Commission issued its order dated June 24, 1983, which granted your petitioner's request to delete AMTRAK's requirement for the removal of the substructure from paragraph 7 of the February 5, 1982 order. Paragraph "C" of the June 24, 1983, order provided:

That Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, within a period of one year from the date this order is entered, shall report to this Commission whether it requests that the superstructure be replaced and whether the existing substructure will be incorporated into the replacement structure or, whether the substructure will not be incorporated into a replacement structure and can be removed as directed in the modified order adopted June 25, 1982.

8. That because of the prohibitive topography of the area surrounding the subject crossing, it is not feasible or safe to construct a bridge replacement with more than 18.5 feet of vertical clearance from bottom of structure to top of the controlling rail.

9. That the Graham Avenue Bridge Replacement project should be constructed as shown on the plan (L.R. 15122

Section 15B) attached hereto and made a part hereof.

10. That a copy of the attached plan is being forwarded this date to the following parties of record, intervenors and other parties of interest namely:

Harold K. Cohen, Esquire  
Suburban Station Building  
Room 524  
1617 John F. Kennedy Boulevard  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103  
(For AMTRAK)

William M. Posner, Esquire  
The Bell Telephone Company of Pennsylvania  
One Parkway  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19102

Octoraro Water Company  
c/o R. C. Rabold, President  
500 North Progress Avenue  
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17109

Carl Helmetag, Jr., Esquire  
Penn Central Corporation  
3100 IVB Building  
1700 Market Street  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103

Daniel F. Donovan, General Attorney  
Consolidated Rail Corporation  
1138 Six Penn Center Plaza  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103

Christopher K. Walters, Esquire  
c/o Reed, Smith, Shaw & McClay  
(For the City of Coatesville)  
1600 Avenue of the Arts Building  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19107

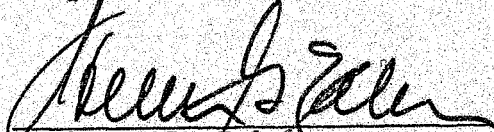
T. H. Maher Cornell  
Philadelphia Electric Company  
2301 Market Street  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19101

John S. Halsted  
Solicitor for Chester County  
Courthouse  
West Chester, Pennsylvania 19380

11. That a conference of all involved parties should be held to discuss the proposed project.

WHEREFORE, your Petitioner respectfully prays your Honorable Commission to modify its Order adopted February 5, 1982, by approving the attached plan and granting an exemption from the minimum overhead clearance requirements of 52 PA. Code, Chapter 33, Subchapter C, AND it will ever pray, etc.


Respectfully submitted,

  
Herbert G. Zahn  
Assistant Counsel

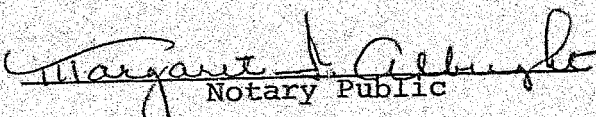
Signed and dated this 23<sup>rd</sup>  
day of May 1986.

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA :  
: SS  
COUNTY OF DAUPHIN :  
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Before me, the undersigned, personally appeared, Herbert G. Zahn, Assistant Counsel of the Department of Transportation of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, who, being duly sworn according to law, deposes and says that the foregoing facts are true and correct, to the best of his knowledge and belief.

  
Herbert G. Zahn  
Assistant Counsel

Sworn and subscribed before me  
this 23 day of May, 1986

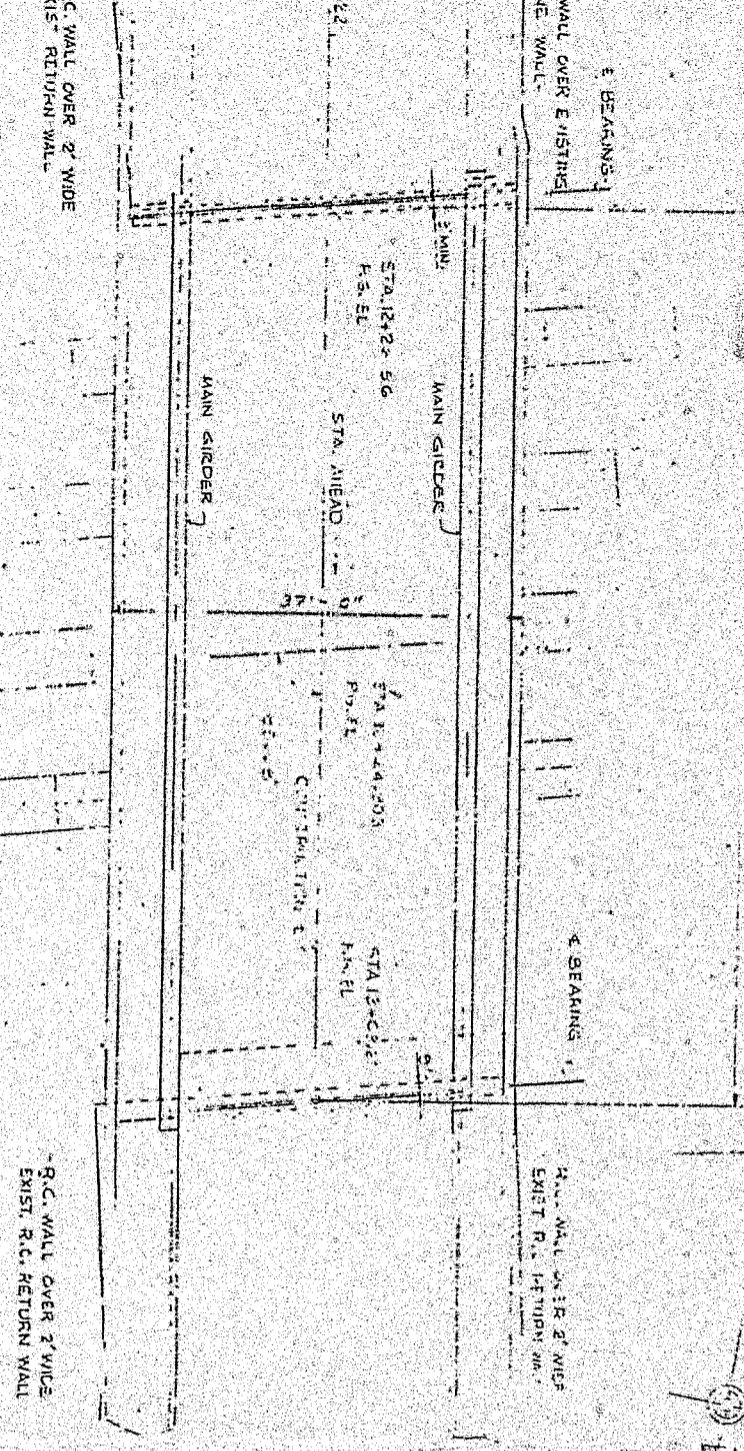
  
Margaret A. Albrecht  
Notary Public

My Commission Expires: 7/11/88

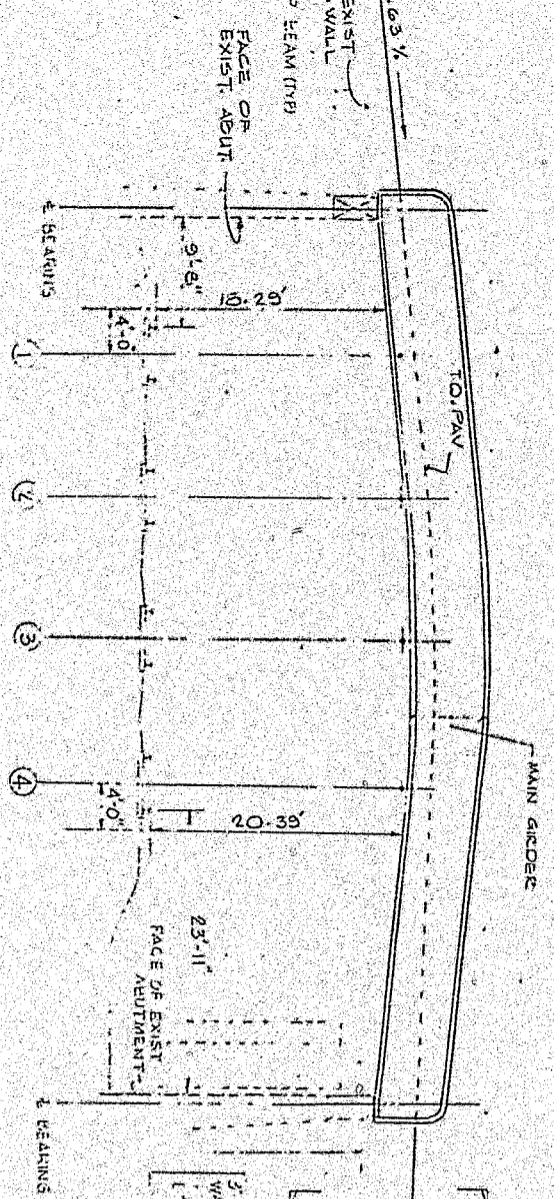




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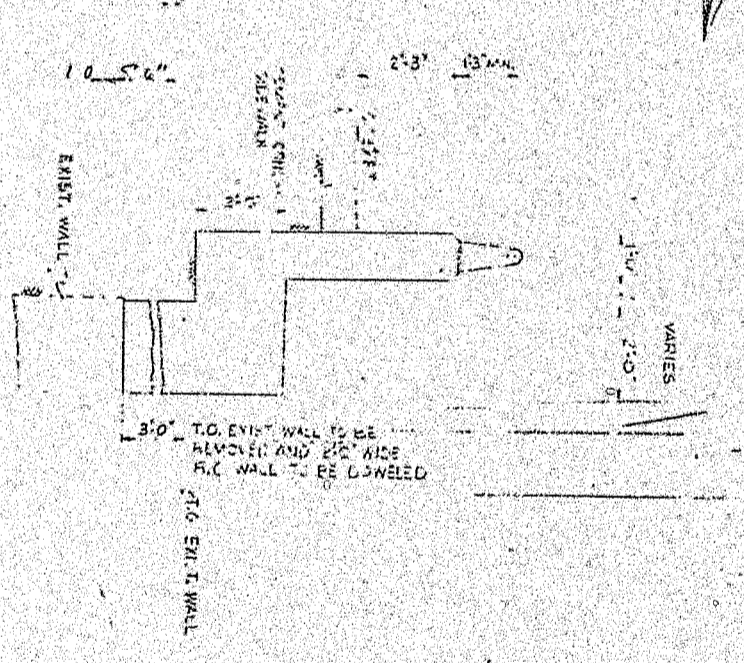


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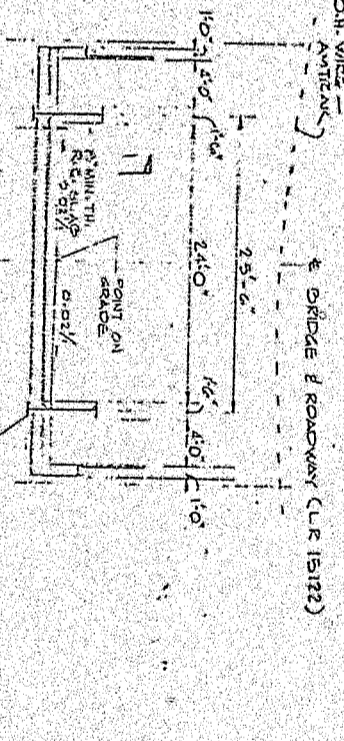


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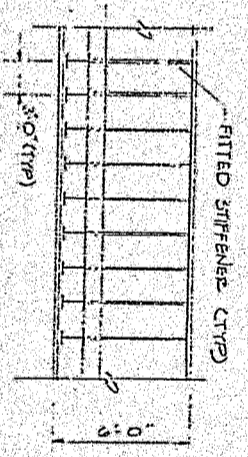
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CROSS SECTION  
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SECTION 1-1

GENERAL NOTES:

- DESIGN SPECIFICATION: REGION DIVISION OF 1982 ASHOTO STANDARD SPECIFICATION FOR HIGHWAY BRIDGES AND AS SUPPLEMENTED BY THE PENNA. DEPT. OF TRANSPORTATION DESIGN MANUAL, PART 4, JUNE 1985 (INCLUDING JULY 1986 REVISION)
- LIVE LOAD: HS20 LOADS, MODIFIED MILITARY LOADING (2 AXELS OF 30 KIPS EACH AT 4'-0" C/C) AND 202 KIP PERMIT LOADING

PRELIMINARY

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**Commonwealth of Pennsylvania**  
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
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**CIESTER COUNTY**  
L.R. 15122 SECT. 15 B  
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OVER HARRISBURG LINE OF AMTRAK  
THROUGH GIRDER BRIDGE  
TYPE, SIZE AND LOCATION

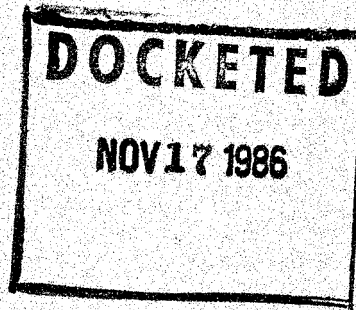
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BRIDGE ENGINEER



COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA  
PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION  
P. O. BOX 3265, HARRISBURG, Pa. 17120  
November 13, 1986

IN REPLY PLEASE  
REFER TO OUR FILE  
C-00018838

(See attached list)



Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission  
vs.  
Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, City of  
Coatesville, County of Chester, National Railroad  
Passenger Corporation.

NOTICE

This is to inform you that a further hearing on the above-captioned case will be held Thursday, January 15, 1987, at 10:00 a.m., in Room 1306, Philadelphia State Office Building, Broad and Spring Garden Streets, Philadelphia.

This further hearing is being held to consider the petition of the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation for modification of the Commission's order adopted February 5, 1982 filed May 27, 1986, concerning the Graham Avenue bridge in the City of Coatesville, Chester County.

We are enclosing herewith, a list of questions, prepared by our Bureau of Safety & Compliance, indicating information to be developed at the hearing, along with other relevant testimony.

If any party intends to offer prepared written testimony, such testimony must be served upon each participant of record no less than twenty (20) days prior to this hearing.

You are advised that if you fail to appear at the hearing, the hearing will proceed without you. In that event, it is possible that you or your client will have issues determined against you and that you might be assigned positive duties or be required to pay money and will have waived any objection thereto.

The presiding officer at this hearing will be Administrative Law Judge Herbert Smolen. Judge Smolen can be contacted at 1302 Philadelphia State Office Building, Broad and Spring Garden Streets, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19130; telephone (215) 560-2105.

If you intend to file exhibits, please be advised that two copies of all hearing exhibits to be presented into evidence must be submitted to the Reporter and an additional copy should be furnished to the presiding officer and each party of record.

Enclosure

cc: Judge Smolen  
Law Bureau  
Bureau of Safety/Compl.  
Mr. Bramson  
Ms. Dickson  
Mrs. Howell  
File Room

P.S. to Judge Smolen:  
This hearing is assigned  
to you under the EXAMINER  
SYSTEM. You will not be  
expected to write a decision.

1. Pennsylvania Department of Transportation submit testimony in support of its petition requesting approval of a plan for construction of a replacement structure which will provide a minimum vertical clearance of 18.5 feet between the top of controlling rail and the bottom of the structure over that rail.
2. Department submit evidence to show why the minimum vertical clearance requested by National Railroad Passenger Corporation cannot be provided or, if provided, what geometrics will be required relative to the highway across the bridge and on the approaches thereto.
3. Department state whether the stay contained in Paragraph B of the order adopted June 24, 1983 (entered July 11, 1983) be continued or whether the requirement of Amtrak to remove the old substructure be deleted entirely or whether the requirement for removal be reinstated by removal of the stay contained in the aforementioned order.
4. National Railroad Passenger Corporation (hereinafter Amtrak) submit testimony relative to the Department's petition.
5. Amtrak submit testimony in support of its request for a minimum vertical clearance of 19.0 feet from the top of rail to the trolley wire directly over that track and state what minimum distance would be acceptable from trolley wire to the bottom of bridge structure.
6. City of Coatesville submit testimony relative to the Department's petition.
7. City state whether it approves of the construction of a replacement structure that would create grades steeper than existing grades on the south approach roadway, realizing that there is a stop intersection approximately 200 feet south of the end of the bridge.
8. Chester County submit testimony relative to the Department's petition.
9. County state whether it approves of the construction of a replacement structure that would create grades steeper than existing grade on the south approach roadway, realizing that there is a stop intersection approximately 200 feet south of the end of the bridge.
10. Non-carrier public utility companies each submit testimony relative to the Department's petition.
11. Non-carrier public utility companies each submit into the record a detailed plan indicating specific location of its existing facilities and indicate type and size of each facility.
12. Query whether any part in interest, or any other party, has any additional relevant testimony to offer.

ALJ HEARING REPORT

DOCKET NO. C-00018838

CASE NAME PUC vs. Pennsylvania

Department of Transportation, etc.

HEARING LOCATION Philadelphia, PA

HEARING DATE January 15, 1987

ALJ Smolen

CHECK THOSE BLOCKS WHICH APPLY:

Hearing held YES  NO

Testimony taken YES  NO

Hearing concluded YES  NO

Further hearing needed YES  NO

Estimated add'l days

RECORD CLOSED YES  NO

Briefs to be filed YES  NO

BENCH DECISION YES  NO

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**NOTE: THIS CASE WAS ASSIGNED UNDER THE HEARING EXAMINER SYSTEM**

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REMARKS:  LATE FILED EXHIBITS ARE DUE. PARTIES MAY REQUEST FURTHER HEARING BASED UPON THE LATE FILED EXHIBITS. IN ADDITION, IF COMMISSION ORDERS THE BRIDGE RECONSTRUCTED, THEN ADD'L HEARING WILL BE REQUIRED ON THE PLANS + ALLOCATION OF COSTS, ETC.

JAN 28 1987 ADDRESSES AND TELEPHONE NUMBERS OF PARTIES OR COUNSEL OF RECORD PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Office of A. L. INCOMPLETE INFORMATION MAY RESULT IN DELAY OF PROCESS

Public Utility Commission

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Frank Colletta Thomas A. Whittemore Telephone No. (615) 431-6188	20 N. Church St, 3rd Fl. City: West Chester State: PA Zip: 19380	Chester County

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Reporter *Chyller Glass* cpc

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# City of Coatesville

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Mr. Richard S. Herskovitz, Assistant Counsel  
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REFERENCE: DOCKET NO. C-00018838; PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY  
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CITY OF COATESVILLE, COUNTY OF CHESTER, NATIONAL RAILROAD  
PASSENGER CORPORATION

Dear Mr. Herskovitz:

Pursuant to the public hearing of January 15, 1987, I reviewed the information provided by the various agency representatives with City Council at their regular meeting on January 26, 1987. During citizens' hearings, two area residents representing the immediately affected neighborhood requested that City Council do whatever they could to have the Graham Avenue Bridge restored. City Council formally agreed to this, again stated their desire to have the bridge replaced, and directed me to provide this information, along with the balance of my findings, to all concerned agencies.

To determine strategic need, I reviewed access problems with the Chief of Police, Dennis Alexander, and with the Fire Chief, Francis Pilotti. Neither determined that replacement was critical to their respective operations, but were confident that, if restored, it would receive substantial use from the general public. They were also in agreement that at certain times the bridge would be enormously helpful, but felt that the number of these occasions would not be great.

The City's Codes Officer was directed to perform an examination of the three railroad underpasses to determine general condition and measure clearances.

**Third Avenue:**

- Roadway very rough
- Walkways on both sides - good condition
- Three lights on both sides - not very bright
- Drainage at both sides and ends
- Water dripping from above and freezing
- Columns and underside badly deteriorated
- Width 25 ft. 11 inches - Height 14 ft. 2-1/2 inches

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January 30, 1987

Fourth Avenue (the only arch underpass):

Roadway very rough  
No walkways and no lighting  
Drainage both sides and ends  
Width 23 ft. 8 inches  
Height 11 ft. 6 inches, down to 6 ft. on each side

North Chester Avenue:

Roadway in good condition  
Walkways both sides - good condition  
No lighting provided  
Drainage at North end on both sides, needs patching  
Water draining out of West side onto pavement  
Width 21 ft. 7 inches, Height 12 ft., 10 inches

Should any additional information be required, please feel free to contact me at your convenience.

Very truly yours,



Dennis Paul Elko  
City Manager

esm

cc: Harold K. Cohen, Esq.  
William M. Posner, Esq.  
~~Senator Noah Weinger~~  
Carl Helmtag, Jr., Esq.  
Daniel F. Donovan, Gen. Atty.  
Alan P. Novak, Esq.  
T. H. Maher Cornell  
Herbert G. Zahn, Asst. Counsel  
Phyllis Glass  
Janet M. Colliton, Esq.  
Representative Samuel W. Morris  
Richard J. Craig



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Mr. Richard S. Herskovitz, Assistant Counsel  
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- Width 25 ft. 11 inches - Height 14 ft. 2-1/2 inches

January 30, 1987

Fourth Avenue (the only arch underpass):

Roadway very rough  
No walkways and no lighting  
Drainage both sides and ends  
Width 23 ft. 8 inches  
Height 11 ft. 6 inches, down to 6 ft. on each side

North Chester Avenue:

Roadway in good condition  
Walkways both sides - good condition  
No lighting provided  
Drainage at North end on both sides, needs patching  
Water draining out of West side onto pavement  
Width 21 ft. 7 inches, Height 12 ft., 10 inches

Should any additional information be required, please feel free to contact me at your convenience.

Very truly yours,



Dennis Paul Elko  
City Manager

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Re: OH 38.17 Graham Avenue  
Coatesville, Pennsylvania  
Pa. P.U.C. C-18838

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SECRETARYS OFFICE  
Public Utility Commission

Dear Mr. Rich:

At the Public Utility Commission hearing in the referenced matter on Thursday, January 15, 1987, Amtrak was asked to submit information about our electric catenary system. The following data is provided in response to that request.

1. The standard or desired dimension between the trolley wire and messenger wire is 0'-8". The trolley wire is the wire which contacts the pantographs on the trains. The absolute minimum dimension between these two wires is 0'-6 1/2".
2. The standard or desired dimension between the messenger wire and bottom of bridge when the system is attached to the bridge is 1'-0". The absolute minimum dimension is 0'-7".
3. The standard or desired dimension between the messenger wire and bottom of bridge when the system is not attached is 2'-0" C 0° F. The absolute minimum dimension for this condition is 1'-6" C 0° F.

We hereby certify that a copy of this letter was sent to all parties of record in this matter by first class, postage paid, U.S. Mail.

Very truly yours,

Harold K. Cohen  
Assistant General Counsel

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Enclosure

cc: Parties of Record

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PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION  
P. O. BOX 3265, HARRISBURG, Pa. 17120

February 20, 1987

IN REPLY PLEASE  
REFER TO OUR FILE

C-18838

To All Parties

Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission  
vs.  
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of Chester and National Railroad Passenger Corporation



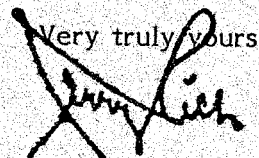
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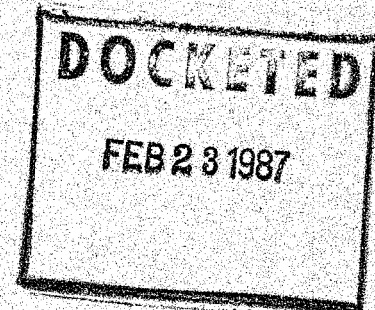
It appears from the report of hearing on January 15, 1987 that the parties may desire to file briefs or request a further hearing based on the late-filed exhibits.

Will you please advise the Commission on or before March 9, 1987 if you desire a further hearing in this matter.

If you wish to file briefs, main briefs will be due to be filed and served by April 8, 1987 and reply briefs will be due to be filed and served by April 28, 1987.

An original and nine copies of each brief must be filed with the Commission and three copies must be served on each party of record.

Very truly yours  
  
Jerry Rich  
Secretary



cc: Office of Administrative Law Judge  
Law Bureau  
Bureau of Safety & Compliance - Rail Division

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JOHN S. HALSTED  
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March 3, 1987

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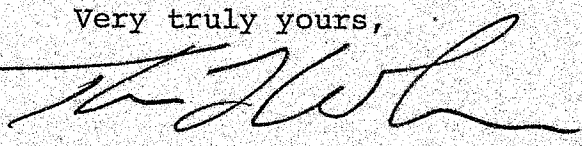
SECRETARYS OFFICE  
Public Utility Commission

Dear Mr. Rich:

On behalf of the County of Chester, I would like to reiterate what has previously been placed on record by our bridge engineer, Richard Craig, at the Public Utility Commission hearing of January 15, 1987. In specific, we feel that the minimum vertical clearance standard as indicated does not conform to current design criteria as established by the American Association of State Highway and Transportation officials and the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation and, therefore, should not be accepted. Should there be reconstruction of the Graham Avenue Bridge, grades steeper than the existing grade would result in increased hazardous conditions relative to the stop intersection approximately 200 feet from the south end of the bridge.

We hereby certify that a copy of this letter was sent to all parties of record in this matter by First Class, postage paid U.S. Mail.

Very truly yours,

  
Thomas L. Whiteman  
Assistant County Solicitor

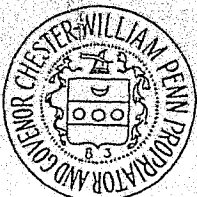
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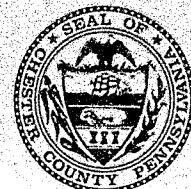
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cc: Janet M. Colliton, Esq.  
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March 4, 1987

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Re: PUC Docket No. C-00018925  
Homewood and Big Beaver Boroughs, Beaver County  
Homewood Avenue Viaduct over Conrail's Main Line  
Plan Review

Dear Mr. Rich:

We have reviewed the plans for the subject structure and have the following comments:

- (1) The deck cross slope should remain at 1/8-in./ft. sloping away from the sidewalk. This will eliminate the possibility of splashing pedestrians and will eliminate the need for scuppers at the sidewalk curb.
- (2) Conrail can eliminate the 24 feet to 23 feet roadway transition in Span 7. We are currently developing redecking plans for the Turnpike spans and we will match Conrail's roadway width of 24 feet.
- (3) The existing Turnpike slab span (approximately 9 feet long) can be demolished rather than supported during construction of Pier 7. The replacement of this slab is included in the Turnpike's redecking plans. However, provisions should be included on the plans or in the specifications for protecting the Turnpike roadway and shoulder from falling debris.
- (4) Pier 7 should be constructed as shown on the attached sketch to accommodate the Turnpike's new slab span.

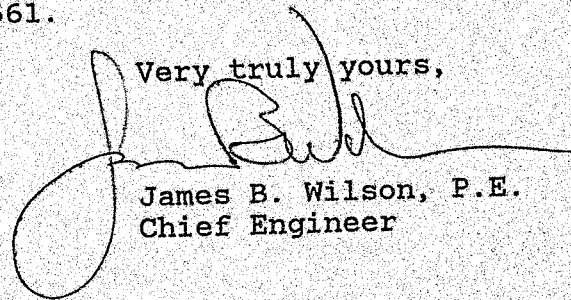
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- (5) The Turnpike will design and install the joint and joint seal at Pier 7. Conrail can install the box beams at Pier 7 without filling in the beam end notch. This will be part of our details. However, the ends of the box beams at Pier 7 should be fabricated on a skew parallel to the center line of the Pier 7.
- (6) The Typical Section for Spans 3, 4 and 7 shown on Drawing Number 14 of 16, shows that a portion of the top of the fascia box beams will be exposed. We recommend that the fascia beams be resized and/or realigned in order to keep the beams covered.
- (7) The concrete cover to the top mat of reinforcement steel in the deck slab in Span 5 and Span 5A should be 2-1/2 inches. This is in accordance with PaDOT's latest standards.

To avoid delay in letting this contract, we are sending a copy of this letter directly to Conrail.

If you have any questions, please call Mr. Bernie Zielinski at 717/939-9551, extension 561.

Very truly yours,



James B. Wilson, P.E.  
Chief Engineer

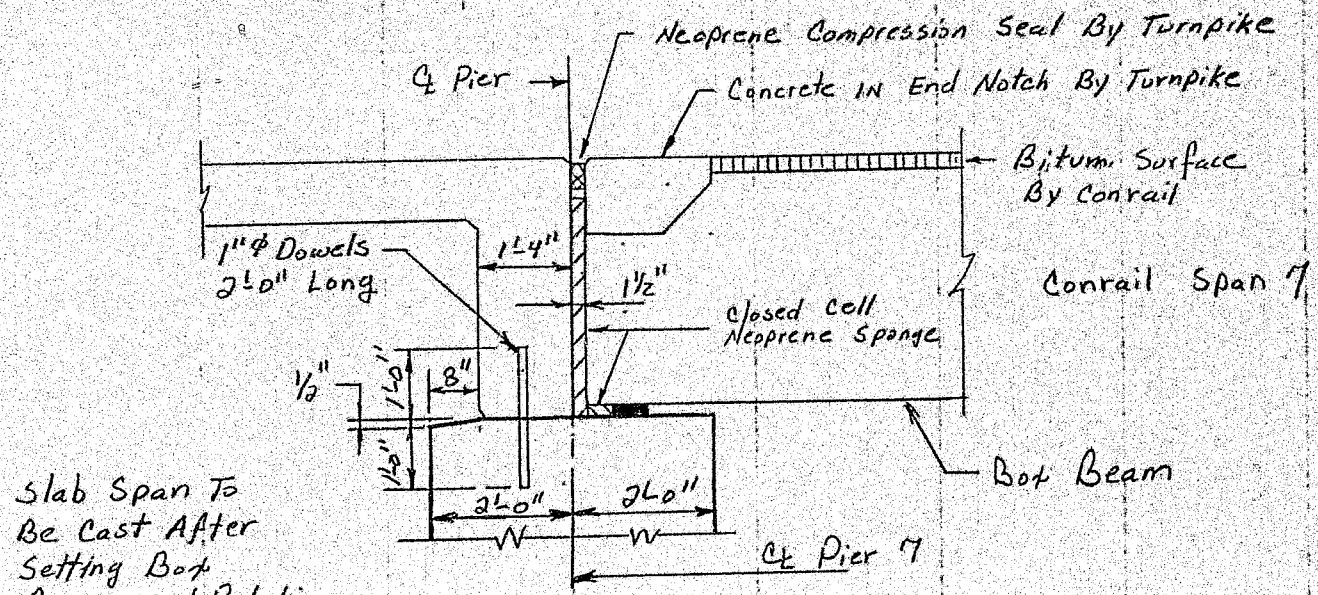
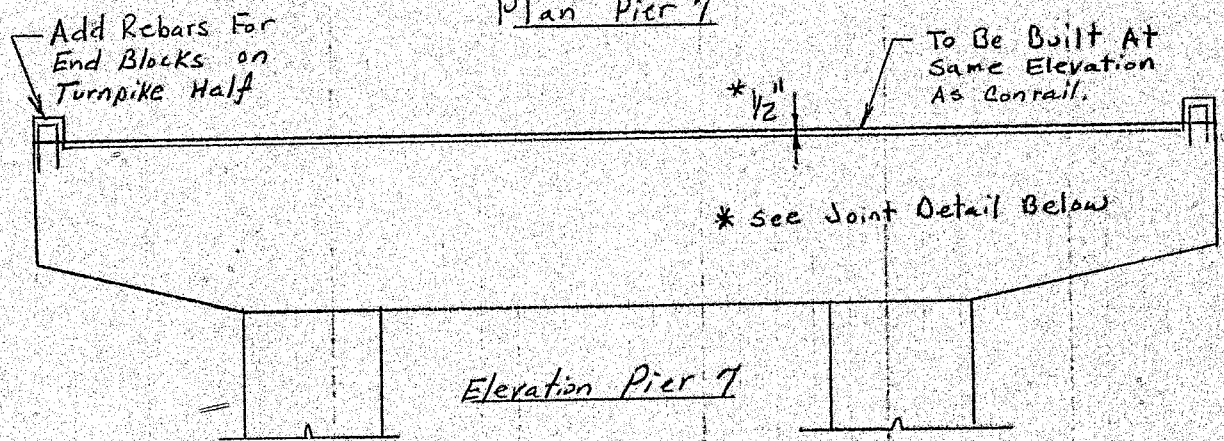
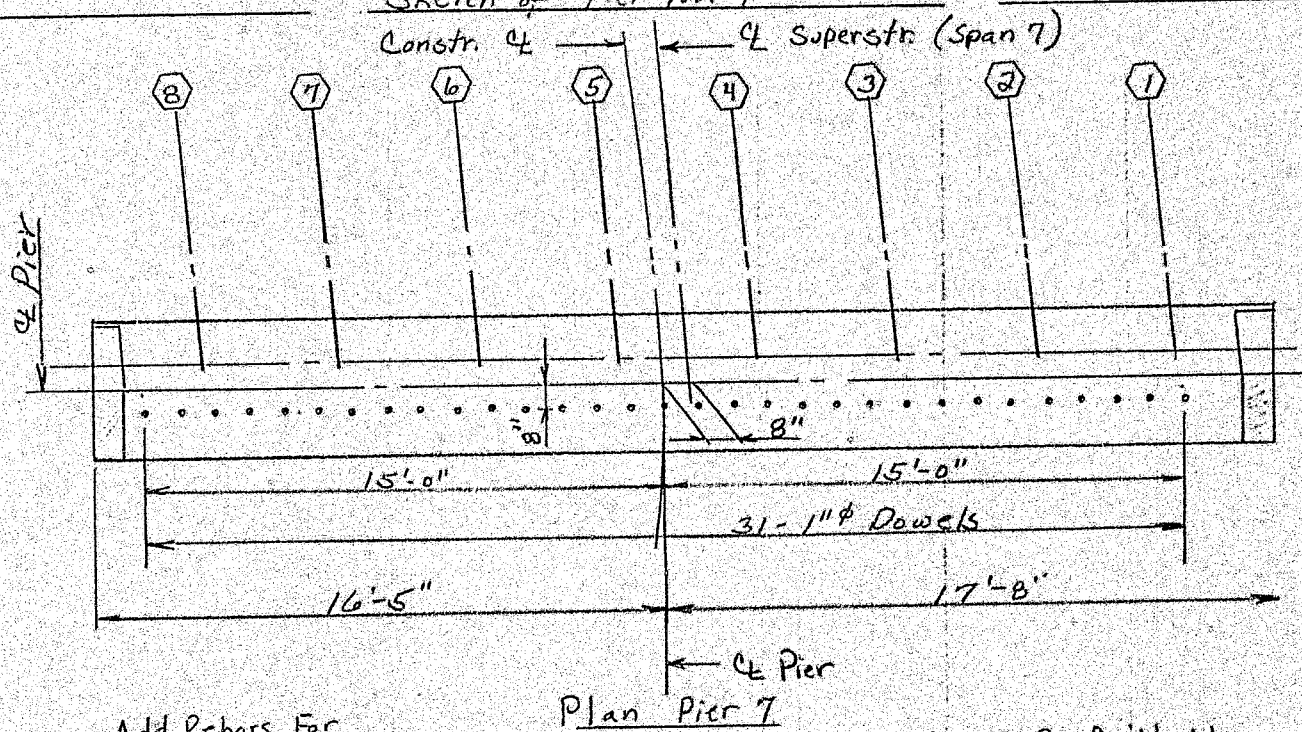
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cc: Mr. J. T. Sullivan, P.E.  
Chief Engineer, Design and Construction  
Consolidated Rail Corporation

PENNSYLVANIA TURNPIKE COMMISSION

BY BJZ DATE 2/8/57 SUBJECT Homewood Ave Viaduct SHEET NO. 1 OF 1  
 CHKO. BY \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_ Doc. No. 18925 JOB NO. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Sketch of Pier No. 7



Slab Span To Be Cast After Setting Box Beams and Redecking Plate Girders

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Re: OH 38.17 Graham Avenue  
Coatesville, Pennsylvania  
Pa. P.U.C. C-18830

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Dear Secretary Rich:

This is to inform you that National Railroad Passenger Corporation does not desire a further hearing on this matter.

Very truly yours,

Harold K. Cohen  
Assistant General Counsel

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REFERENCE: PA. P.U.C. V. PA. DEPT. OF TRANSPORTATION, CITY OF  
COATESVILLE, et al  
DOCKET NO. 00018838

Dear Mr. Rich:

In reference to the above listed file, please make the following changes to your 'parties of record' list for all future correspondence.

1. Delete Octoraro Water Company. This firm has been purchased by the City of Coatesville Authority, 114 East Lincoln Highway, Coatesville, PA 19320 (215) 384-4400, Attention: Ms. Christina K. Frey, Executive Director.
2. Delete Christopher K. Walters, Esquire, and substitute Alan Novak, Esquire, 22 North Third Avenue, Coatesville, PA 19320.
3. Add: City Manager, City Hall, 53 South First Avenue, Coatesville, PA 19320.

Very truly yours,

Dennis Paul Elko  
City Manager

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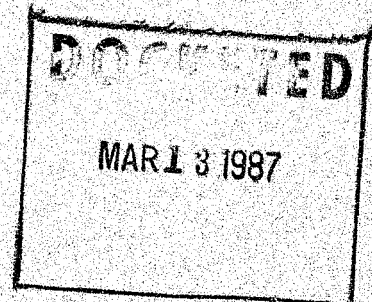
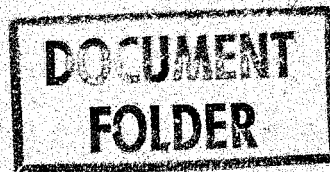
Dear Mr. Rich:

Please be advised that Philadelphia Electric Company, based on the record, does not require a further hearing in this matter. Further, it is not anticipated that Philadelphia Electric Company shall file a brief.

Very truly yours,

*T. H. Maher Cornell*  
T. H. Maher Cornell

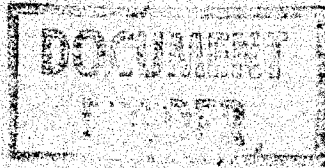
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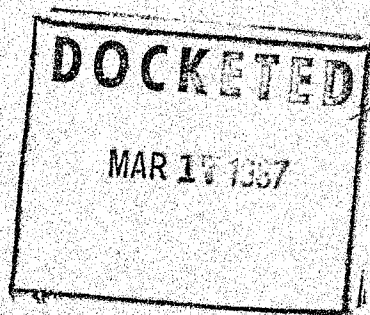
In reference to the above-captioned matter, would you kindly make the following change to the PARTIES OF RECORD list for all future correspondence:

Delete Penn Central Corporation.

The line and bridge involved at the subject crossing were conveyed on April 1, 1976 to Consolidated Rail Corporation (Conrail) by Penn Central Transportation Company for passage onto National Railroad Passenger Corporation (Amtrak) by Deed, Document PC-CRC-ATK-RP-35. The line and subject Graham Avenue Bridge which were conveyed are indicated on the enclosed Valuation maps.

Thank you for your attention to this request.

Sincerely yours,



*Eileen E. Drelick*  
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Enclosures

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Joseph J. Supon

cc: List attached.

Mr. Jerry Rich, Secretary  
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