

Frontier
COMMUNICATIONS
300 Laird St Suite E
Wilkes-Barre, Pa 18702

Ms. Rosemary Chiavetta, Secretary
Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission
P.O.Box 3265
Harrisburg, Pa 17105-3265

**Re: APPLICATION FOR PUBLIC CROSSING
Fairview Rd, SR-1020 Reading Blue Mountain & Northern Railroad
Township of Rush
County of Schuylkill**

Dear Secretary Chiavetta,

In accordance with Public Utility code Title 66, Chapter 2702, enclosed please find an application requesting permission to alter crossing of Reading Blue Mountain & Northern Railroad. Said crossing will be within the public right of way confines of State Route 1020, Fairview Rd, located in the township of Rush, Schuylkill County.

Said crossing will consist of the placement of an aerial communications fiber cable over the tracks of Reading Blue Mountain & Northern Railroad tracks and right of way. The cable will be located within the Public Right of Way at existing crossing 361505C.

Frontier Communications will provide copies of same to all parties listed under its Certificate of Service.

Please review and provide the appropriate authorization to this office. Should you have any questions please contact me @ 570-208-3375

Sincerely,



Michael Navich,
Engineering Manager

**BEFORE
PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

“In re: Application of Lakewood dba Frontier Communications for approval of the alteration of the crossing where Fairview Rd (SR-1020). crosses, above-grade, the tracks of Reading Blue Mountain & Northern Railroad, Township of Rush, County of Schuylkill, by reason of the construction of an overhead telecommunications cable.” The crossing occurs at AAR #361505C.

Application _____
Docket No. _____

To Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission:

1.) The name and address of the applicant are:

Frontier Communications of Lakewood, LLC
401 Merritt 7
Norwalk, Ct 06851

2.) The name and address of applicant's attorney are:

Fredrick Thomas, VP, Associate General Counsel, Frontier Communications
401 Merritt 7
Norwalk, CT 06851

3.) Frontier Communications wishes to construct an aerial fiber communication facility in the Township of Rush, County of Schuylkill, PA. In order to complete the system, the fiber facility must cross the tracks of Reading Blue Mountain & Northern Railroad within the public right-of-way of Fairview Rd (SR-1020). The fiber facility will be attached to existing Frontier poles and overlash to existing copper facility.

4.) The proposed construction will be an aerial fiber facility attached to Frontier poles on either side of the railroad. The fiber facility will be attached to existing Frontier poles and overlash to existing copper facility. The railroad intersects Fairview Rd (SR-1020) in the Township of Rush, County of Schuylkill, PA. See attached Exhibit “A.” The completion date for this project is August 30, 2024.

5.) The public utilities, municipalities, corporations and property owners concerned in, or affected by, the crossing alteration are identified in Exhibit “B” attached hereto.

6.) Because the overhead telephone line will have no impact on rail traffic or the motoring public, no vehicle use data has been developed in connection with this application. Frontier Communications will follow its normal procedure for construction of a telephone line within a public right-of-way along a public roadway. Frontier Communications’ normal construction procedures include the use of warning devices and flagmen, when necessary, to maintain, as nearly as possible, the normal flow of vehicular and rail traffic. The expected cost for the construction procedure is \$2,000.00.

7.) Frontier Communications will pay all costs of construction of the overhead telephone line.

8.) The above-grade alteration at this crossing is necessary or proper in order for Frontier Communications to provide adequate, efficient and, reasonable communications services to the public.

WHEREFORE, applicant prays your Honorable Commission to dismiss the Application for the alteration of the above-captioned crossing for the reason that the application is not required or permitted under Section 2702 or any other provision of the Public Utility Code or the regulations thereunder or, in the alternative, to approve this application.

Respectfully submitted,



Michael Navich
Engineering Manager
Frontier Communications

§ 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 must be personally verified by a party thereto or by an authorized officer or other authorized employee 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). When verification is permitted, notarization is not necessary.

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

VERIFICATION

I, Michael Navich, 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: 10/4/23

Michael Navich

(Signature)

EXHIBIT "B"

The public utilities, municipalities, corporations, and property owners concerned in, or affected by, the crossing alteration are:

Frontier Communications of Lakewood, LLC
93 Old Berwick Rd
Drums, PA 18222
Attn: Robert Januszko
robert.januszko@ftr.com

Row & Utility Division PennDOT
Bureau of Design
PO Box 3362
Harrisburg, PA 17105-3362
alasloudji@pa.gov

Office of Chief Counsel
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PO Box 8212
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PennDOT Engineering District #5
1002 Hamilton St.
Allentown, Pa
Attn: Rodney Rehnert Grade Crossing Administrator
rrehnert@pa.gov 610-871-4562

Reading Blue Mountain & Northern Railroad
P.O. Box 218
Port Clinton, PA 19549
Attn: realestate@readingnorthern.onmicrosoft.com

Rush Township
104 Mahanoy Ave.
Tamaqua, Pa 18252-4000
Attn: Debbie DelFranco,
tresurer@rushtownship.org

Schuylkill County Courthouse
401 North 2nd St.
Pottsville, Pa. 17901
Attn: County Engineer: Lisa Mahall
l.mahall@schuylkillcounty.pa.gov

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Michael Navich , Engineering Manager for Frontier Communications hereby certify that on ~~October 4~~ 4, 2023, I served the forgoing document upon the parties listed below , in accordance with the requirements of § 1.54 (relating to service by participant).

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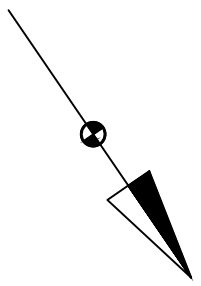
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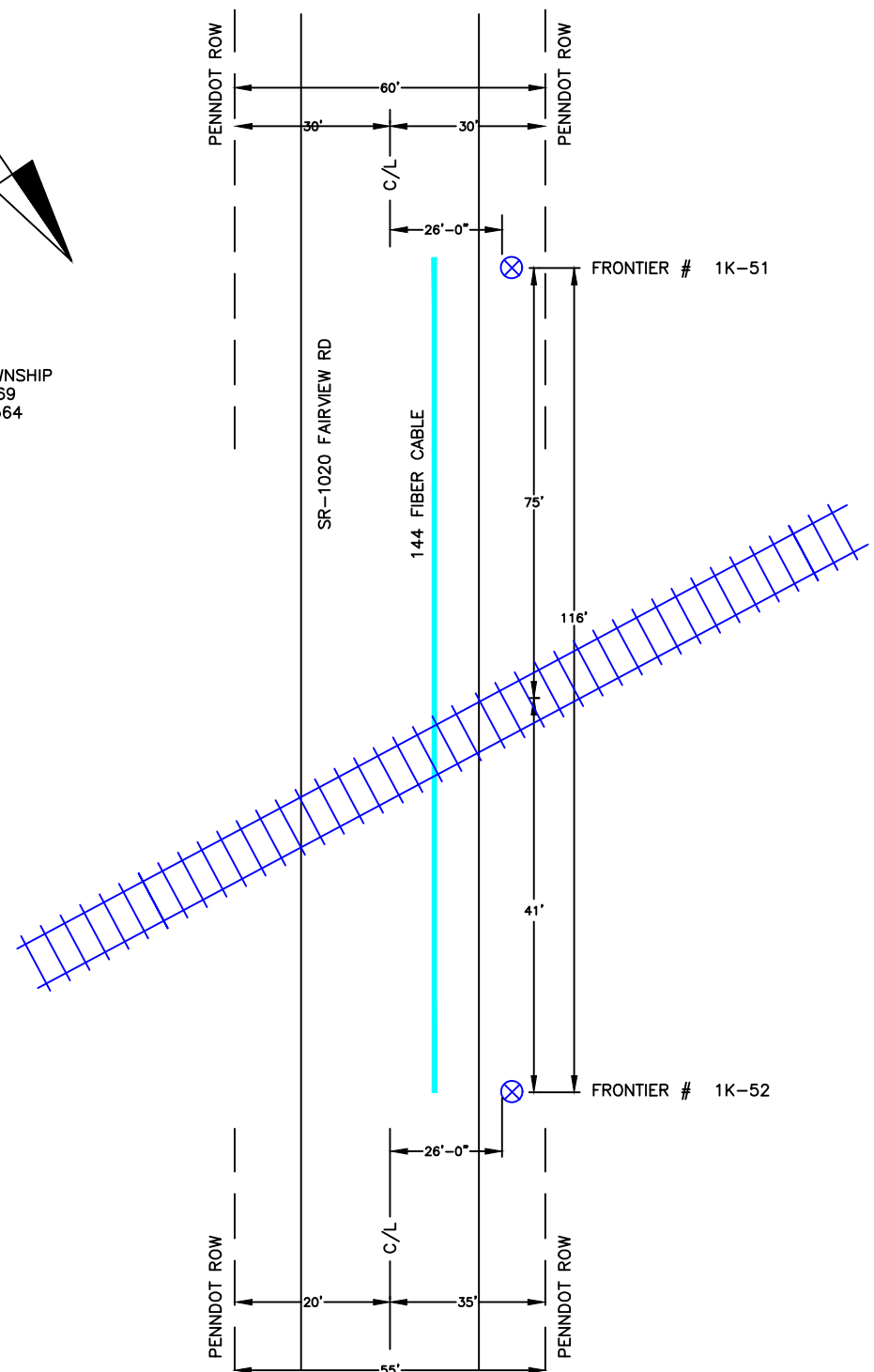
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Pottsville, Pa. 17901
Attn: County Engineer: Lisa Mahall
l.mahall@schuylkillcounty.pa.gov

Dated this 4TH day of OCTOBER, 2022

Michael Vavich
(Signature)



COUNTY: SCHUYLKILL
 TOWNSHIP: RUSH TOWNSHIP
 LATITUDE: N40.831069
 LONGITUDE: W76.029564
 AAR #361-505-C
 MILE POST 106.06



Frontier Proposed Aerial
Installation: Place one 144 fiber cable overlap to existing 10M Copper strand for 116' span and Facilities will be constructed on existing joint Frontier pole line

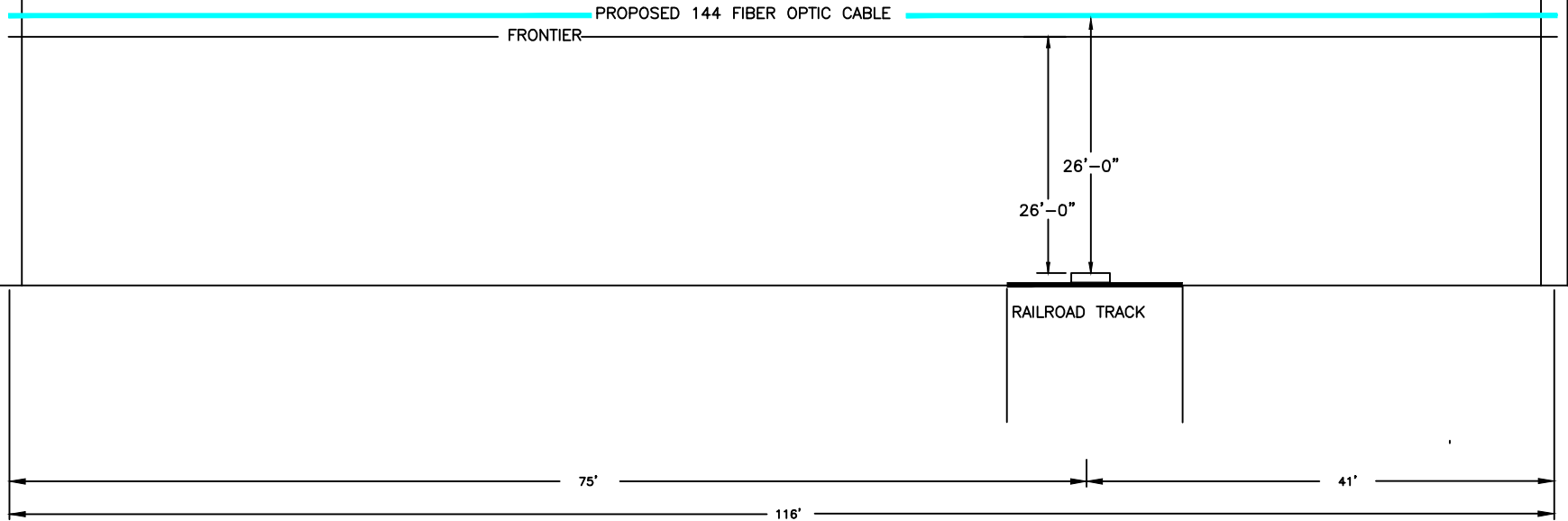
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| | | | A |
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| | ENG. BY: L & B ENGINEERING | | EST. NO. |
| C.O. AREA: LAKEWOOD | | 2536897 | |
| DWN. BY: L&B | DATE: 09/29/23 | | |
| APPD. BY: | DATE: | | |
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Frontier Proposed Aerial Installation: Place one 144 fiber cable overlap to existing 10M Copper strand for 116' span and Facilities will be constructed on existing joint Frontier pole line

FRONTIER # 1K-51


FRONTIER # 1K-52



PROFILE VIEW LOOKING NORTHWEST

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 TOWNSHIP: RUSH TOWNSHIP
 LATITUDE: N40.831069
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| WIRE/CABLE DETAILS | |
|------------------------|------------------|
| TYPE: | COMMUNICATIONS |
| CONDUCTOR MATERIALS: | FIBER OPTIC |
| FIBER CABLE COUNT: | 144 COUNT |
| WIRE SIZE/PAIR: | N/A |
| VOLTAGE: | < 750 |
| TYPE OF WIRE SUPPORTS: | 10M STEEL STRAND |

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