

**BEFORE
PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

In re: Application of North Penn Long Distance Company for approval of the alteration of the crossing AAR # 249650X by the installation of 144ct Fiber Optic Cable where Gibson Street crosses at grade the tracks of Delaware-Lackawanna Railroad, located in Scranton in Lackawanna County.

Application
Docket No.

To Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission:

1. The name and address of applicant are North Penn Telephone Company
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2. The name and address of applicant's attorney are Michael J. Roche mroche@hselaw.com
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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.)
4. (This paragraph to contain a brief, concise statement of the nature and character of the alteration of the crossing. Reference being made to plans filed as exhibits.)
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 alteration has been obtained from any municipality or department of the government of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, verified copies of such consent should be filed as exhibits.)
6. (This paragraph to contain an estimate of cost of installing the facilities, a statement as to the parties which will be responsible for installing, maintaining and inspecting the facilities, and from what sources it is proposed to provide such funds.)
7. The alteration is necessary or proper for the following reasons _____

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

Kenneth Urian

(Signature of Applicant)

SEE ADDITIONAL PAGES

§ 1.36. Verification.

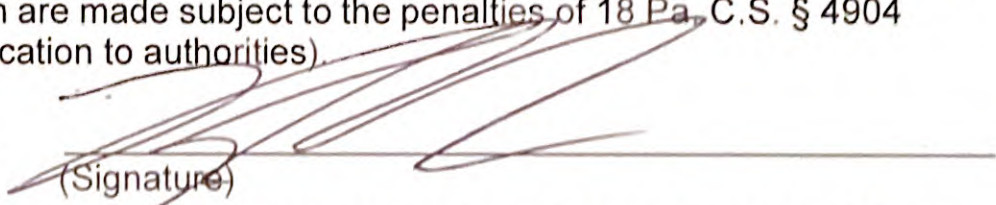
(a) Applications, petitions, formal complaints, motions and answers thereto containing an averment of fact not appearing of record in the action or containing a denial of fact shall be personally verified by a party thereto or by an authorized officer of the party if a corporation or association. Verification 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, Ray Schroeder, 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: 9/22/2023


(Signature)

Consultant for North Penn Long Distance Company

- 1) The name and address of applicant are
North Penn Long Distance Company
- 2) The name and address of applicant's attorney are
Michael J. Roche
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- 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.

This application is for 144ct Fiber Optic crossing in North Scranton. The purpose of this crossing is to provide the population of North Scranton with high speed, dependable internet. In a post-Covid world, with more and more people working from home and relying on the internet to stay connected with friends and loved ones, reliable internet is becoming increasingly important in people's personal and professional lives. By crossing the railroad tracks along E Gibson Street, Empire Access will be able to connect this area to its fiber network and provide its residents with the fastest internet in the Northeast and quality customer service.

- 4) This paragraph to contain a brief, concise statement of the nature and character of the alteration of the crossing. Reference being made to plans filed as exhibits.

This plan proposes 69' of strand and 144ct fiber with 1.25" aerial polyethylene innerduct mounted 27' 0" AGL over the track as shown in exhibit A, the RR plans.

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The organizations who would be affected by the make-ready production and installation of 144ct Overhead Fiber as part of this crossing would be PPL Electric Utilities Corporation, Eruv Scranton, Comcast Cable Communications LLC, and City of Scranton Department of Transportation.

- 6) This paragraph to contain an estimate of cost of installing the facilities, a statement as to the parties which will be responsible for installing, maintaining, and inspecting the facilities, and from what sources it is proposed to provide such funds.

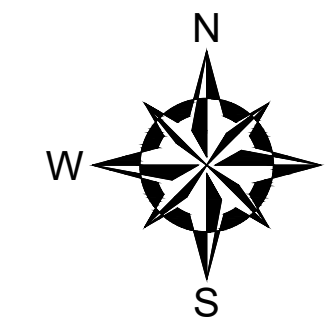
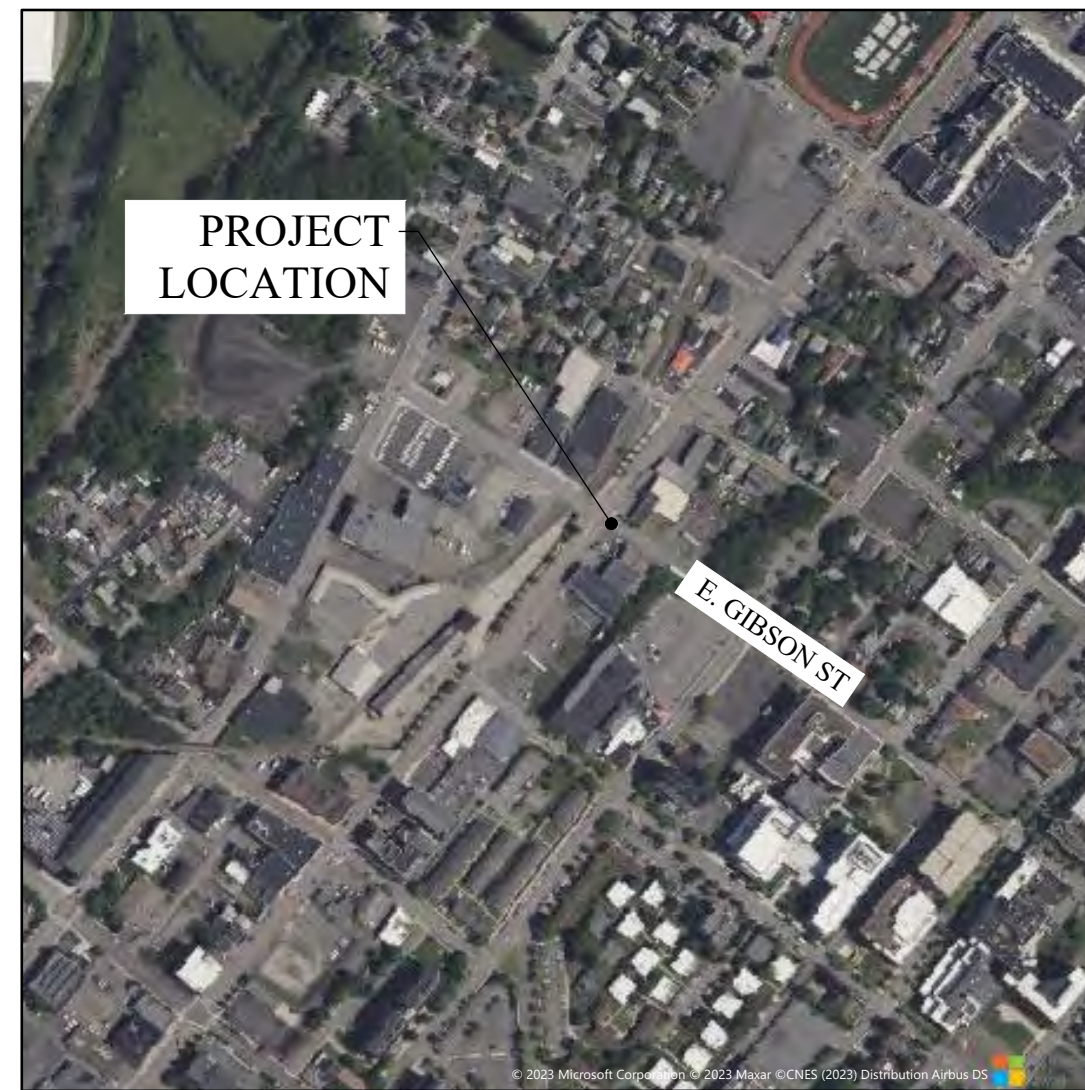
Empire Access will be responsible for the cost of maintain, installing and inspecting the facilities as they are the new provider attaching to these poles. The cost-estimate of this crossing is \$4000 and this project will be self-funded and self-installed.

Exhibit A.

E. GIBSON ST.

RR CROSSING

UTILITY PERMIT PLANS



LOCATION MAP
NOT TO SCALE

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E. GIBSON STREET
COUNTY OF LACKAWANNA, STATE OF NEW YORK



REV'D SEPTEMBER 12, 2023
JULY 10, 2023

GA001 - COVER SHEET
SHEET 1 OF 2

FIGURE-8



FEATURES:

- Available in 1 1/4" duct
- Figure-8 construction with EHS (Extra High Strength), flooded galvanized support strand for one-step aerial placement
- HDPE has carbon black and antioxidants for maximum UV protection
- 1 1/4" duct has either 1/4" or 3/8" EHS galvanized strand
- Serpentine clamps available

INSTALLATION APPLICATION:

Aerial

MARKET APPLICATION:



COLOR/STRIPE:

Black with UV protection

OPTIONS:

FOOTAGE MARKINGS Sequential foot or meter markings. Custom print streams available.

SILICORE™ SILICORE is co-extruded with the tough HDPE jacket creating a super slick permanent lining. SILICORE lined ducts allow for higher speed cable jetting and longer cable pulls.

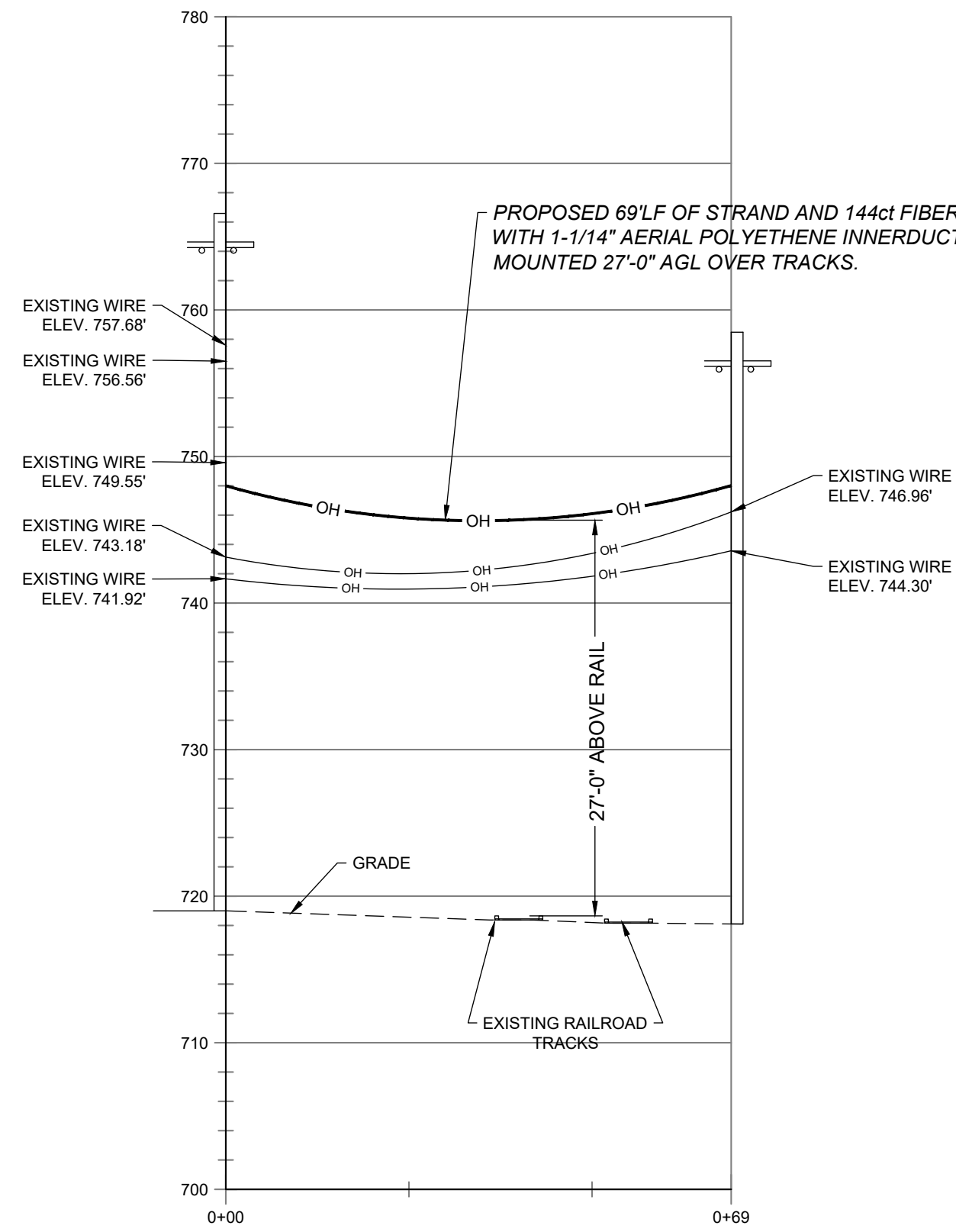
INTERNAL RIBS Straight internal longitudinal ribs greatly reduce friction for longer, faster pulls.

PREINSTALLED TAPE Factory pre-installed Bull-Line™ Pull Tape with EVEN-LOAD™, ensures extra slack at any access point throughout the reel. Available 500lb - 6,000lb tensile strength or locatable.

GALVANIZED STRAND Strand Class A Flooded: 1/4" EHS galv. 3/8" EHS galv. Breaking Pull Strength: 6,650 lbs 15,400 lbs



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E. GIBSTON ST SITE PLAN

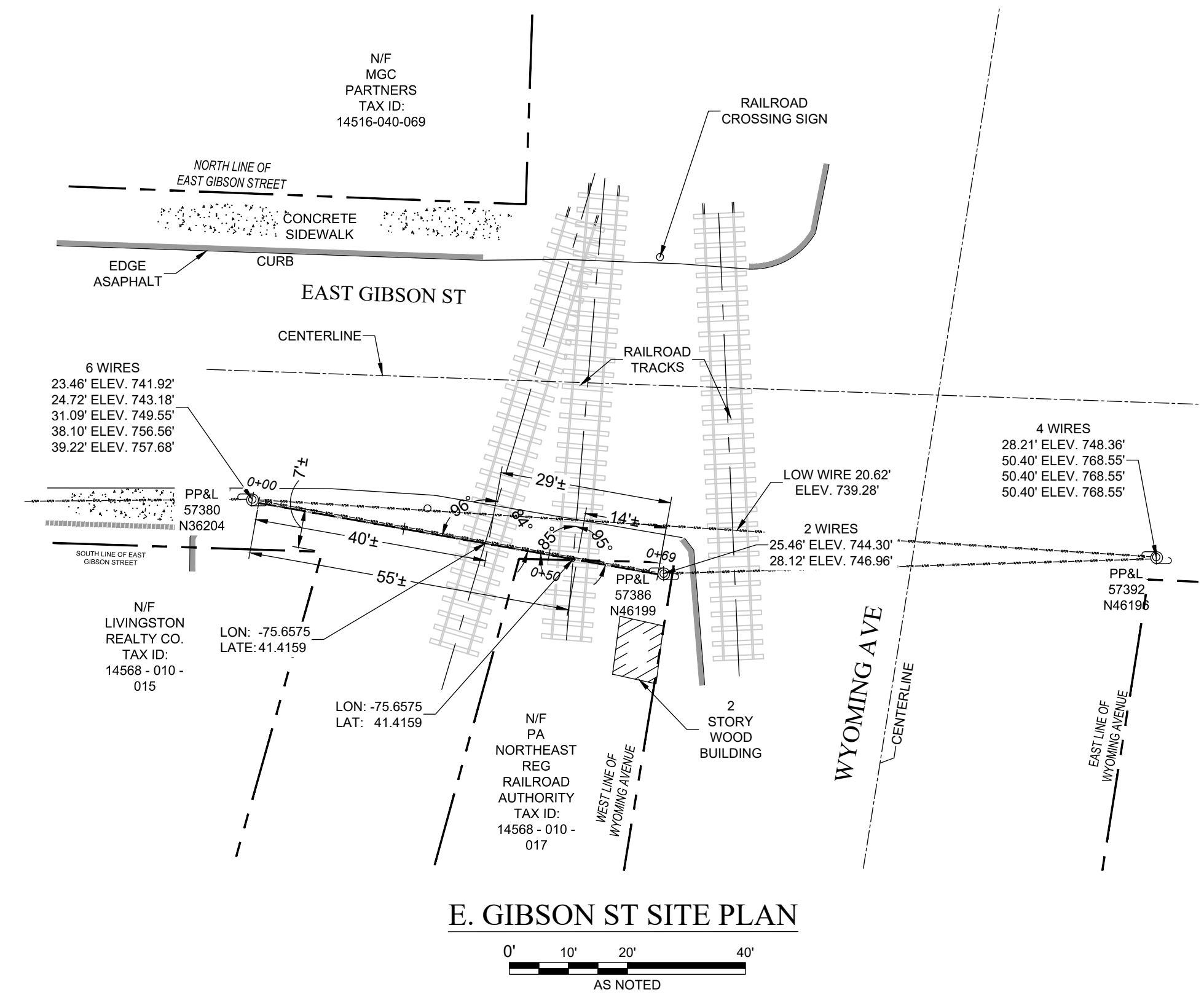
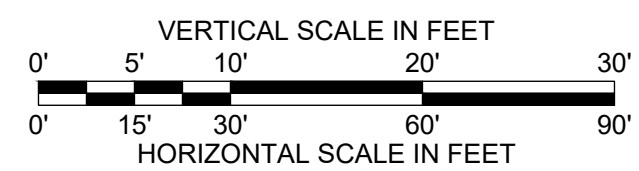
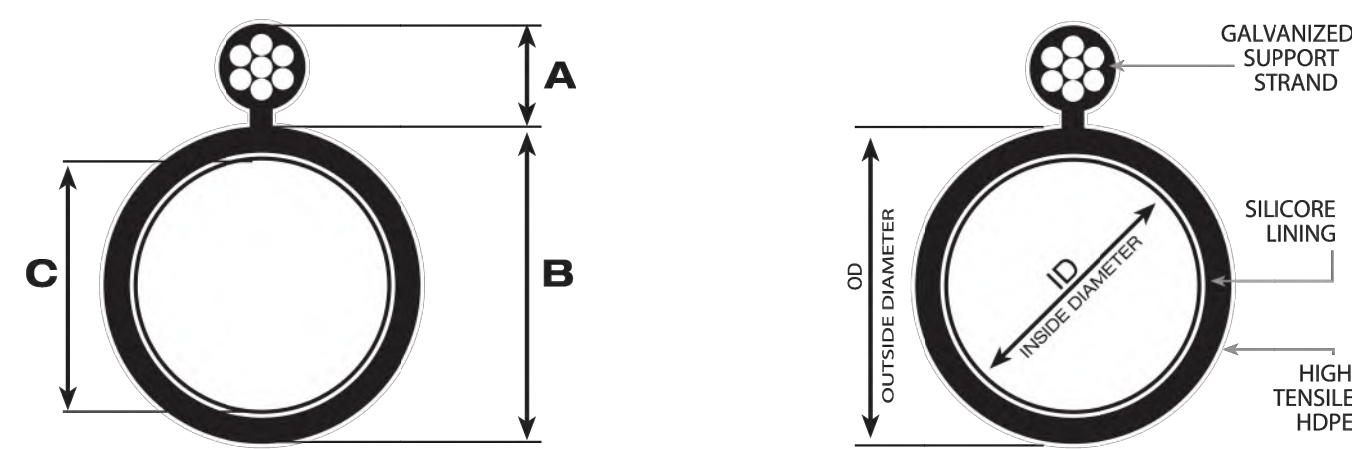


FIGURE-8 - SPECS



| SIZE | SDR | STRAND | A | B (avg) | C (avg) |
|--------|--------|----------------|-------|---------|---------|
| 1 1/4" | SIDR 9 | 1/4" EHS galv. | 0.540 | 1.556 | 1.296 |
| 1 1/4" | SIDR 9 | 3/8" EHS galv. | 0.605 | 1.556 | 1.296 |

| Strand Class A Flooded: | Breaking Pull Strength: | Typical Strand Lengths: |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1/4" EHS galv. | 6,650 lbs | 225' (67 meters) |
| 3/8" EHS galv. | 15,400 lbs | 400' (122 meters) |

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PROJECT INFORMATION

THIS PROJECT CONSISTS OF THE INSTALLATION OF 69 LF NEW OVERHEAD LINE

SURVEY DATA

EXISTING FEATURES SHOWN HEREON PER ROW UTILITY SURVEY, HAVING FINAL DATE, 03/24/2023 WITH SITE NO. P-48773, COMPLETED BY: NORTHEAST TOWER SURVEYING, INC.

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E. GIBSTON ST R.R. CROSSING SITE PLAN AND PROFILE

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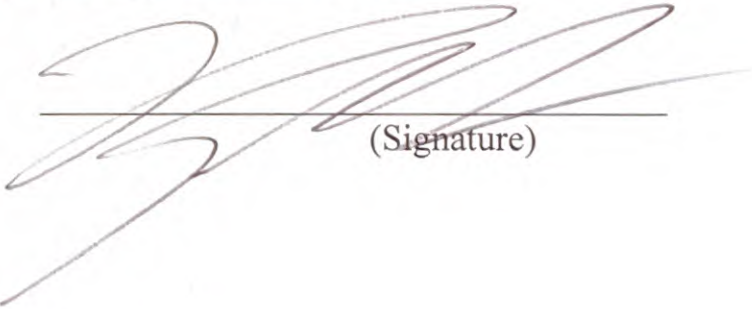
CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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 § 1.54 (relating to service by participant).

(List names, addresses and email addresses of participants served.)

(Participants should include the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, the Railroad Company, the county and municipality where the crossing is located, and any fixed utility companies with facilities at the crossing.)

Dated this 17 day of October, 2023


(Signature)

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