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Via Electronic Filing

Rosemary Chiavetta, Secretary
Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission
400 North Street
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Re: PA0358 & PA0364; Dawson, Fayette County, Pennsylvania; Signal upgrades at the River Rd. and Laughlin St. grade crossing with CSXT; 145463A & 145459K; Central Zone, Pittsburgh Subdivision; BF-275.25 & BF-275.87 Docket No. A-2019-3011890

Dear Secretary Chiavetta:

Enclosed please find CSX Transportation, Inc.'s Responses to PUC Plan Review Letter and Revised Plan Sheet that has been sent to all parties of record as indicated by the enclosed Certificate of Service. Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

Benjamin C. Dunlap, Jr.

BCDjr/klg
Enclosure
cc: All Parties of Record



January 5, 2024

Andrew Reed, P.E.
Rail Section
Bureau of Technical Utilities
Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission
Commonwealth Keystone Building
400 North Street
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Subject: A-2019-3011890; PA0358 & PA0364; Dawson, Fayette County, Pennsylvania; Signal upgrades at the River Rd. and Laughlin St. grade crossings with CSXT; 145463A & 145459K; Central Zone, Pittsburgh Subdivision; BF-276.25 & BF-275.87
Responses to PUC Plan Review Letter

Dear Andrew;

Reference is made to the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (PAPUC) letter dated June 26, 2023 transmitting the PAPUC's review comments on the situation and circuitry plans for the subject project. On behalf of CSXT, Bergmann provides the following responses in **bold text**:

1. The situation and circuitry plan sheets are each labeled in red as "Preliminary". Please submit final situation and circuitry plans to the Commission and to all parties of record.

It is CSXT standard policy to leave the "PRELIMINARY" stamp on all drawings until it receives authorization for construction. This is to alleviate any confusion as to what the final plans are. CSXT can issue a final set to the PAPUC once authorization for construction is received.

2. The 6' x 6' signal house is shown half inside the Right-of-Way (ROW) line for CSX and half over the ROW line. Has the railroad obtained an easement or acquired property to locate the cabinet outside of CSX ROW?

The location of the proposed signal house at the Laughlin Street crossing has been revised so it is located entirely on CSXT's right-of-way.

3. The situation plan for the State Route 0819 (DOT 145 459 K) (Laughlin Street) crossing on sheets #5 and #46, show guiderail being placed around the warning devices in the northwest quadrant and around the signal cabinet/house in the southwest quadrant. This use of guiderail was not approved and memorialized in the Secretarial Letter dated August 3, 2022. In order for the guiderail to be placed, the Commission will need to memorialize the installation and maintenance of the guiderail in a Secretarial Letter.
 - a. Has Pennsylvania Department of Transportation agreed on the location and placement of guiderail along State Route 0819?



Per the November 09, 2023 e-mail from Tom Ryczek, PennDOT is agreeable to the placement of the guiderail.

- b. Has the property owner and Dawson Borough agreed on the location and placement of guiderail around the signal house?

Per response to Comment 2, the location of the proposed signal house at the Laughlin Street crossing has been revised so it is located entirely on CSXT's right-of-way.

- c. Who is going to be the responsible party to pay and to install the guiderail around the warning device and around the railroad's signal house?

CSXT is to install the guiderail. Per the November 09, 2023 e-mail from Tom Ryczek, PennDOT is agreeable to paying for its installation.

- d. Which parties have agreed to be responsible to maintain the guiderail around the warning device and around the signal house?

Per your December 26, 2023 e-mail, maintenance is to be assigned at a later date.

- 4. Note 1 on the situation plan on sheets #5 and #46 states "REPAVE AND INSTALL CURB (TO BE INSTALLED BY OTHERS)". This installation of curbing was not assigned and memorialized in the Secretarial Letter dated August 3, 2022. In order for the curbing to be placed, the Commission will need to memorialize the installation and maintenance of the guiderail in a Secretarial Letter. Which party is going to be responsible to pay to install the new curbing? Also, which party has agreed to be responsible to maintain the curbing?

CSXT is to install the new curbing. Per the November 09, 2023 e-mail from Tom Ryczek, PennDOT is agreeable to paying for its installation. Per your December 26, 2023 e-mail, maintenance is to be assigned at a later date.

- 5. Is the existing signal house for the State Route 1041 (River Road) crossing, shown on sheets #6 and #10, being reused?

Yes, the existing signal house at River Road is to be reused. The scope of work is to install new detection/control equipment in the existing equipment shelter.

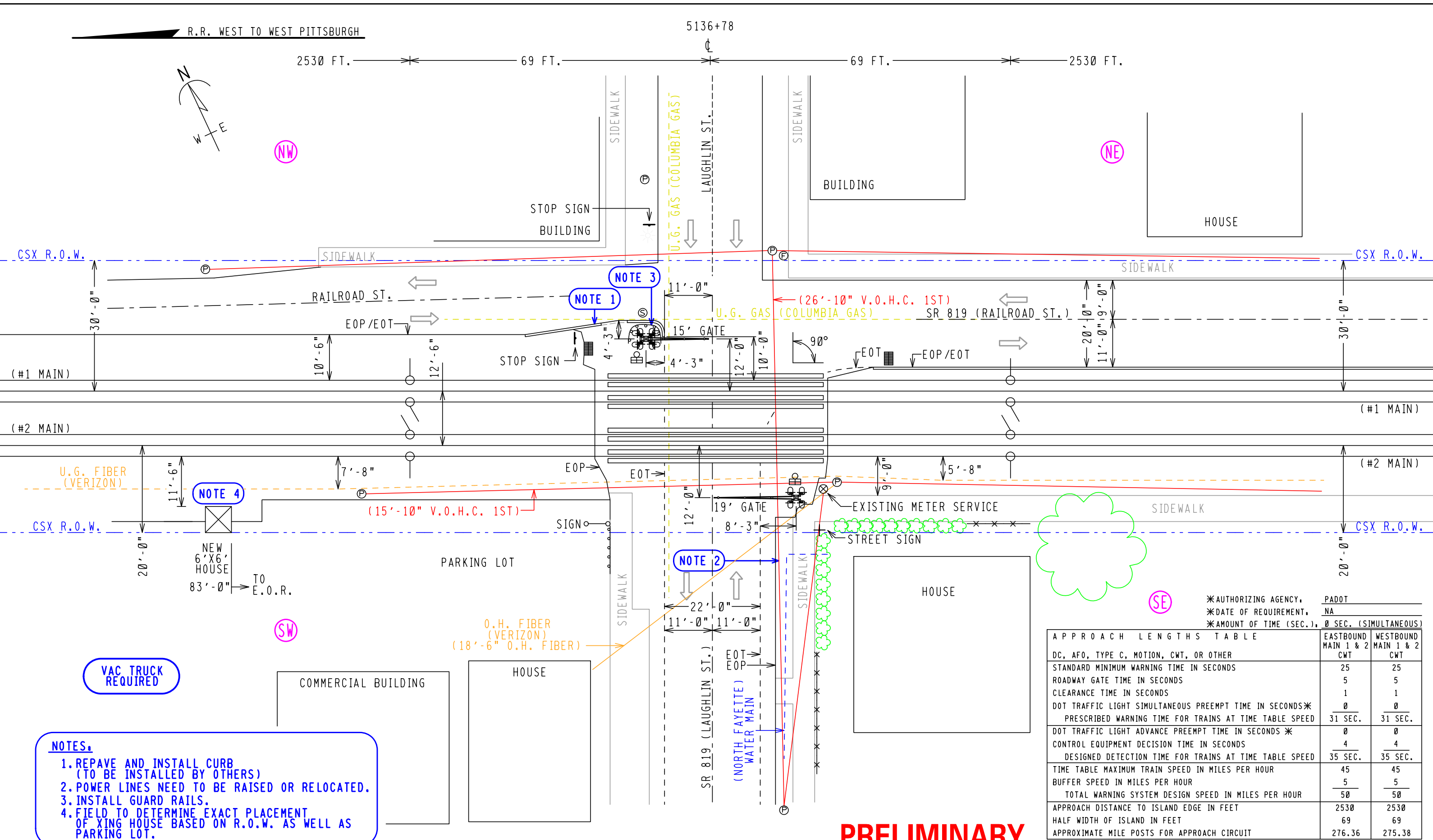
Please do not hesitate to contact Kevin Lewandowski or me at (610) 834-4080 with any questions regarding the above matters.

Sincerely,

Erin M. Goglia, PE
Project Manager, CSXT GEC



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Mike Sliper, Project Manager – CSXT Public Projects
Tom Ryczek, District Grade Crossing Engineer – PennDOT District 12-0
Benjamin Dunlap, Jr., Esquire - Nauman, Smith, Shissler & Hall, LLP



- NOTES:**
1. REPAVE AND INSTALL CURB (TO BE INSTALLED BY OTHERS)
 2. POWER LINES NEED TO BE RAISED OR RELOCATED.
 3. INSTALL GUARD RAILS.
 4. FIELD TO DETERMINE EXACT PLACEMENT OF XING HOUSE BASED ON R.O.W. AS WELL AS PARKING LOT.

* AUTHORIZING AGENCY, PADOT
 * DATE OF REQUIREMENT, NA
 * AMOUNT OF TIME (SEC.), 0 SEC. (SIMULTANEOUS)

APPROACH LENGTHS TABLE	EASTBOUND MAIN 1 & 2	WESTBOUND MAIN 1 & 2
DC, AFO, TYPE C, MOTION, CWT, OR OTHER	CWT	CWT
STANDARD MINIMUM WARNING TIME IN SECONDS	25	25
ROADWAY GATE TIME IN SECONDS	5	5
CLEARANCE TIME IN SECONDS	1	1
DOT TRAFFIC LIGHT SIMULTANEOUS PREEMPT TIME IN SECONDS*	0	0
PRESCRIBED WARNING TIME FOR TRAINS AT TIME TABLE SPEED	31 SEC.	31 SEC.
DOT TRAFFIC LIGHT ADVANCE PREEMPT TIME IN SECONDS *	0	0
CONTROL EQUIPMENT DECISION TIME IN SECONDS	4	4
DESIGNED DETECTION TIME FOR TRAINS AT TIME TABLE SPEED	35 SEC.	35 SEC.
TIME TABLE MAXIMUM TRAIN SPEED IN MILES PER HOUR	45	45
BUFFER SPEED IN MILES PER HOUR	5	5
TOTAL WARNING SYSTEM DESIGN SPEED IN MILES PER HOUR	50	50
APPROACH DISTANCE TO ISLAND EDGE IN FEET	2530	2530
HALF WIDTH OF ISLAND IN FEET	69	69
APPROXIMATE MILE POSTS FOR APPROACH CIRCUIT	276.36	275.38

PRELIMINARY

FILE NAME, BF27587.H01	REVISION DATES	PRODUCED FOR,	PRODUCED BY,	LEGEND,	GUARD RAIL	POLE SERVICE	GPS COORDINATES	STREET NAME, SR 819 (LAUGHLIN ST.)
DATE DRAWN, 04-18-19	03-10-23	 RAIL TRANSPORT GROUP ENGINEERING COMMUNICATIONS AND SIGNALS	 A Caterpillar Company	CSX ROW	O.H. POWER	POLE	N40°02'51"	CITY & STATE, DAWSON, (FAYETTE), PA
DRAWN BY, GMW	04-06-23			R/R POLELINE	FENCE	FIRE PLUG	W79°39'31"	DOT, 145459K
CHECKED BY, SAF	07-18-23			GAS	WATER	SEWER CAP	ELEV. 851'	PROJECT #, PA2019559
PRS #, 34P000825	01-02-24			FIBER OPTIC	SEWER	GAS VENT	M.P. BF-275.87	OP #, PA0364
								PROPOSED CROSSING LAYOUT
								SCALE = 20:1

**BEFORE THE
PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

PA0358 & PA0364; Dawson, Fayette County, Pennsylvania; Signal upgrades at the River Rd. and Laughlin St. grade crossings with CSXT; 145463A & 145459K; Central Zone, Pittsburgh Subdivision; BF-276.25 & BF-275.87 : **DOCKET NO. 2019-3011890**
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this day served a true copy of CSX Transportation, Inc.'s Responses to PUC Plan Review Letter and Revised Plan Sheet upon the parties listed below by electronic mail and/or U.S. First Class mail, where indicated, in accordance with the requirements of 52 Pa. Code § 1.54 (relating to service by a party).

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January 8, 2024

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