

**PENNSYLVANIA
PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
Harrisburg, PA 17120**

Public Meeting held July 11, 2024

Commissioners Present:

Stephen M. DeFrank, Chairman
Kimberly Barrow, Vice Chair
Ralph V. Yanora
Kathryn L. Zerfuss
John F. Coleman, Jr.

Application of the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation for approval to alter the public crossings (DOT 051 674 J) and (DOT 149 033 D) by removal and replacement of the existing bridge structure where SR 0068 crosses, above grade the tracks of Bessemer & Lake Erie Railroad Company, Buffalo & Pittsburgh Railroad Inc., and CSX Transportation Inc., located in Butler and Summit Townships, Butler County

A-2020-3022688

OPINION AND ORDER

BY THE COMMISSION:

Before the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (Commission) for consideration and disposition is the Petition for Reconsideration (Petition) filed by the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation on June 27, 2024, seeking reconsideration of the Opinion and Order entered on June 13, 2024, relative to the above-captioned proceeding.

Pursuant to Rule 1701 of the Pennsylvania Rules of Appellate Procedure, Pa. R.A.P. 1701, the Commission must act to grant a petition for reconsideration within thirty days of the date of entry of the order for which reconsideration is sought or otherwise lose jurisdiction to do so if a petition for review is timely filed.¹ The thirty-day period within which the Commission must act upon the Petition in order to preserve jurisdiction ends on July 15, 2024.²

Granting reconsideration pending review of, and consideration on, the merits of the Petition to preserve Commission jurisdiction and toll the thirty-day time period for filing a petition for appellate review does not automatically stay the Commission's underlying Opinion and Order.³ Pursuant to 52 Pa. Code § 5.572, petitions seeking a stay or supersedeas must be filed with the Commission within fifteen (15) days after the underlying Opinion and Order becomes final.⁴

Accordingly, we shall grant reconsideration, within the meaning of Pa. R.A.P. 1701(b)(3), pending review of, and consideration on, the merits of the Petition; **THEREFORE,**

¹ Commission Rules of Practice and Procedure provide that a party may file an Answer to the Petition within ten (10) days of service. 52 Pa. Code § 5.571(c). As of the date of this Order no Answers have been received.

² The thirty-day period ends on July 13, 2024, which is a Saturday. Therefore, the next business day, Monday, July 15, 2024, is the deadline for the Commission to act on the Petition.

³ 52 Pa. Code § 5.572; Pa. R.A.P. 1701.

⁴ *See also*, Pa. R.A.P. 1781.

IT IS ORDERED: That the Petition for Reconsideration filed by the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation on June 27, 2024, is hereby granted, pending further review of, and consideration on, the merits.

BY THE COMMISSION,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rosemary Chiavetta". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "R".

Rosemary Chiavetta
Secretary

(SEAL)

ORDER ADOPTED: July 11, 2024

ORDER ENTERED: July 11, 2024