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400 NORTH STREET
HARRISBURG, PENNSYLVANIA 17120

IN REPLY PLEASE
REFER TO OUR FILE

July 11, 2024

A-2023-3040560

TO ALL PARTIES OF RECORD

Application of Verizon Pennsylvania, LLC for approval to alter the public crossing (DOT 266 115 F) by lowering an existing aerial communication cable facility where State Route 3015 (Moosic Road) crosses, at grade, the track of Reading Blue Mountain & Northern Railroad Company located in Old Forge Borough, Lackawanna County.

To Whom It May Concern:

By Secretarial Letter dated June 2, 2023, Verizon Pennsylvania, LLC was directed to complete the crossing alteration on or before May 31, 2024.

On May 8, 2024 a representative of Verizon Pennsylvania, LLC via email to a Commission staff engineer stated that work at the subject crossing had not yet begun due to delays surrounding railroad permitting.

On May 14, 2024, Reading Blue Mountain & Northern Railroad Company was contacted by a Commission staff engineer via telephone to discuss the permitting delays. Following the telephone call and coordination with the parties it was determined that additional information was needed on the sketch plans in order for Reading Blue Mountain & Northern Railroad Company to complete its engineering review.

On May 16, 2024, Verizon Pennsylvania, LLC provided revised sketch plans via email to a Commission staff engineer.

All work is to be performed in accordance with the revised sketch plans entitled: "EXHIBIT A" consisting of two (2) sheets submitted to the Commission on May 16, 2024.

By letter-petition received by the Commission on June 20, 2024, Verizon Pennsylvania, LLC requests an extension of time to complete the alteration of the crossing involved in the above captioned proceeding.

In its letter-petition Verizon Pennsylvania, LLC stated that the project was delayed due to issues obtaining railroad permitting. Verizon Pennsylvania, LLC is therefore requesting an extension of time that establishes a completion date of May 31, 2025.

We have carefully reviewed the record in this proceeding and will approve the revised sketch plans and grant Verizon Pennsylvania, LLC an extension of time to May 31, 2025, to complete the alteration of the above captioned crossing.

This Commission issues this Secretarial Letter in accordance with Section 2702 of the Public Utility Code.

THEREFORE:

The revised sketch plans are approved, and the letter-petition of Verizon Pennsylvania, LLC received by the Commission on June 20, 2024, requesting an extension of time, be and is hereby granted to the extent herein directed:

1. Paragraph 3 of our Secretarial Letter dated June 2, 2023, which reads as follows, to wit:

“3. The public crossing (DOT 266 115 F) where State Route 3015 (Moosic Road) crosses, at grade, the track of Reading Blue Mountain & Northern Railroad Company in Old Forge Borough, Lackawanna County be altered generally in accordance with the installation sketch plans entitled: “EXHIBIT A” consisting of two (2) sheets provided to the Commission on May 4, 2023; which plans are made part hereof and are hereby approved except insofar as they may relate to the division of work, deletion of work, or the allocation of costs and expenses incident to the installation of the project.”

be and is hereby modified to read:

3. The public crossing (DOT 266 115 F) where State Route 3015 (Moosic Road) crosses, at grade, the track of Reading Blue Mountain & Northern Railroad Company in Old Forge Borough, Lackawanna County be altered generally in accordance with the revised installation sketch plans entitled: “EXHIBIT A” consisting of two (2) sheets provided to the Commission on May 16, 2024; which plans are made part hereof and are hereby approved except insofar as they may relate to the division of work, deletion of work, or the allocation of costs and expenses incident to the installation of the project.

2. Paragraph 9 of our Secretarial Letter dated June 2, 2023, which reads as follows, to wit:

“9. The alteration of the crossing be completed on or before May 31, 2024, and that on or before said date Verizon Pennsylvania, LLC, report in writing the date of actual completion of the work to this Commission and certify to the parties of record and this Commission that the work has been satisfactorily completed in accordance with the approved plans and this Secretarial Letter.”

be and is hereby modified to read:

9. The alteration of the crossing be completed on or before May 31, 2025, and that on or before said date Verizon Pennsylvania, LLC, report in writing the date of actual completion of the work to this Commission and certify to the parties of record and this Commission that the work has been satisfactorily completed in accordance with the approved plans and this Secretarial Letter.

3. In all respects not inconsistent herewith, our Secretarial Letter dated June 2, 2023, remains in full force and effect.

The Parties are reminded that failure to comply with this or any Order or Secretarial Letter in this proceeding may result in an enforcement action seeking civil penalties and/or other sanctions pursuant to 66 Pa. C.S. § 3301.

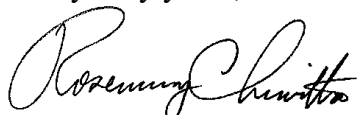
All formal documents must be filed with the Secretary of the Commission. Documents must be eFiled, mailed or hand delivered. All filings should be addressed to the Secretary, PA Public Utility Commission, 400 North Street, Harrisburg, PA 17120. The Commission will not accept documents delivered by fax or by e-mail. Parties are encouraged to file formal documents by eFiling with the Secretary of the Commission by opening an eFiling account through the Commission's website (the account is free of charge) and accepting eservice at <https://www.puc.pa.gov/filing-resources/efiling/>.

If your filing contains confidential material, you are required to file by overnight delivery to ensure the timely filing of your submission. There are certain filings that cannot be eFiled, such as filings containing confidential or proprietary material. These must be submitted to the Secretary by overnight delivery, priority, or certified mail to allow tracking of your filing.

If you are dissatisfied with the resolution of this matter, you may, as set forth in 52 Pa. Code §§ 1.31 and 5.44, file a Petition for Reconsideration from Staff Action (Petition) with the Commission within twenty (20) days of the date of this letter. The Petition shall be eFiled with the Secretary of the Commission or sent to: Secretary, PA Public Utility Commission, 400 North Street, Harrisburg, PA 17120, and must be filed within twenty (20) days, or if no timely request is made, the action will be deemed to be a final action of the Commission.

The Petition MUST include: (1) a written statement (divided into numbered paragraphs) outlining the reasons for the request; (2) the case docket number (it is provided for you at the top right-hand corner of this letter); (3) the party on whose behalf the petition is made; (4) a Certificate of Service on the other parties of record; and (5) a Verification with original signature in accordance with 52 Pa. Code § 1.36.

Very truly yours,



Rosemary Chiavetta
Secretary