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November 20, 2024

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

Re: Application of Columbia Gas of Pennsylvania, Inc. for approval of the alteration of crossing 507757M by the installation of an 8-inch plastic gas main enclosed in a 12-inch steel casing where State Street crosses, at grade, the tracks of Norfolk Southern Railway in Speers Borough, Washington County

Docket No.

Dear Secretary Chiavetta:

Enclosed is an Application for the approval of a proposed railroad crossing at the tracks of Norfolk Southern Railway located in Speers Borough in Washington County, Pennsylvania, which is submitted pursuant to 66 Pa. C.S. 2702(a). As indicated on the attached Certificate of Service, copies have been served in the manner indicated.

Please contact me at the above phone number should you have any questions.

Very truly yours,

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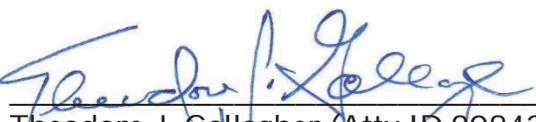
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Attorney for
Columbia Gas of Pennsylvania, Inc.

cc: Certificate of Service
Daniel Helfrich, TUS (via e-mail)

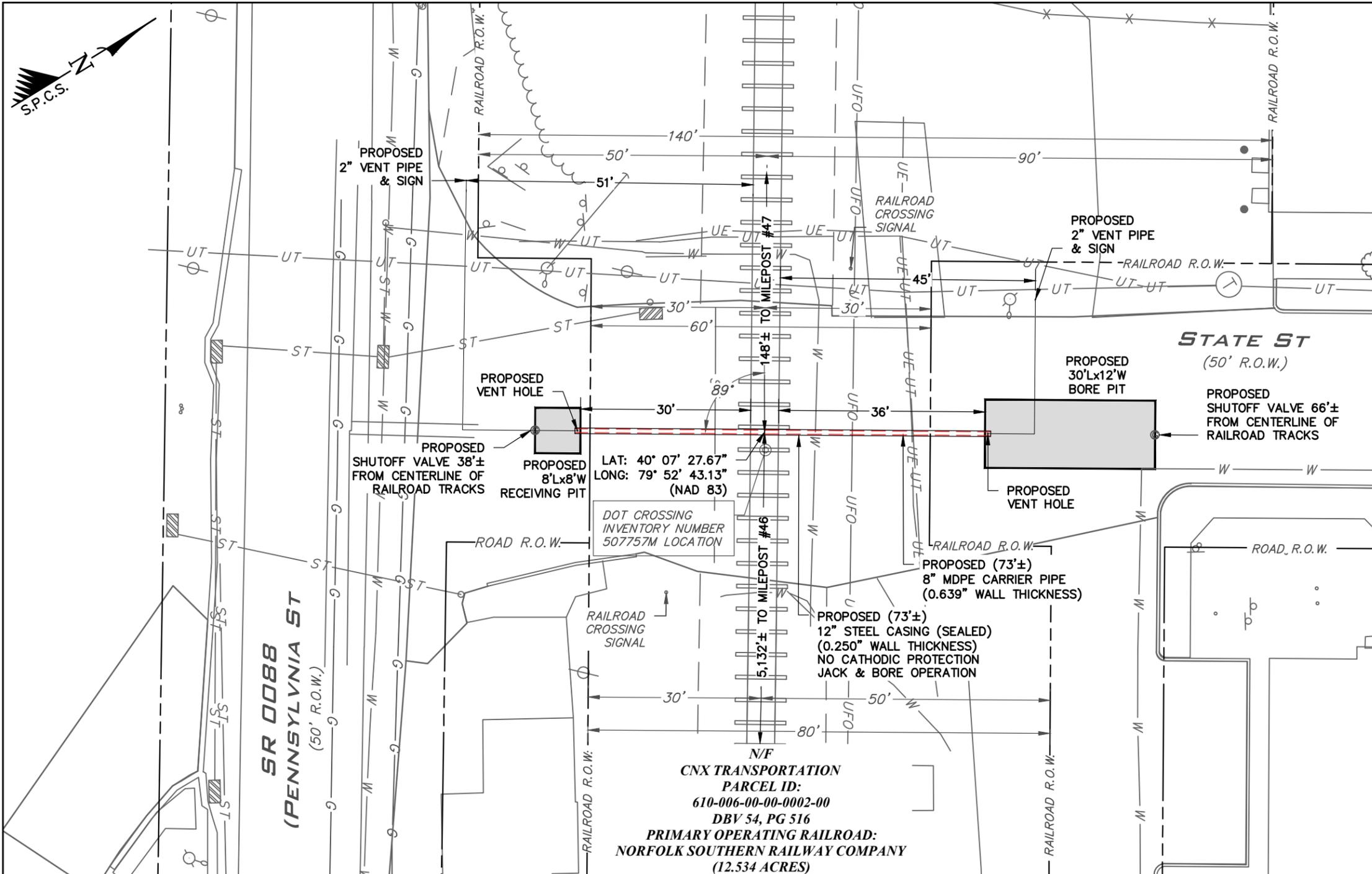
5. A cased 8–inch medium-density plastic main is to be bored in public right of way on State Street via jack-and-bore (Auger) method.
6. A design one-call was placed. The following parties may be affected by the proposed alteration of the crossing:
 - Norfolk Southern Railway
 - Pennsylvania Department of Transportation
 - Verizon, Pennsylvania
 - Speers Borough
 - USIC LLC/Comcast
 - ABC Water/Charleroi Borough
 - Century Link
 - First Energy
7. The estimated cost of installing the facilities described in the Application is \$80,000. Columbia will be responsible for installing, maintaining, inspecting, and funding said facilities.
8. The alteration is necessary or proper for the following reasons: The existing bare steel line, which operates at low pressure, is deteriorating and must be abandoned and replaced. Installing this new main will provide Columbia with a vital medium pressure feed to maintain safe and reliable service to its customers in Speers Borough. It will also enable Columbia to eliminate a gas main encroachment in this area.
9. The installment of the new gas line will not impact rates or service provided to Columbia's customers.
10. The installation of Columbia's facilities will have no impact on the physical integrity of Norfolk Southern Railway's tracks or supporting terrain and, as such, compliance with Norfolk Southern construction requirements will be unnecessary.
11. Columbia seeks to cross the facilities of Norfolk Southern at an established public highway-rail crossing and, therefore, requests that the Commission approve Columbia's application without any obligation that Columbia remunerate Norfolk Southern the privilege of occupying the right of way.

Wherefore, Columbia Gas of Pennsylvania, Inc. requests that the Commission approve its application.

Respectfully submitted,
COLUMBIA GAS OF PENNSYLVANIA, INC.

By: 
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Dated: November 20, 2024



LAT: 40° 07' 27.67"
 LONG: 79° 52' 43.13"
 (NAD 83)

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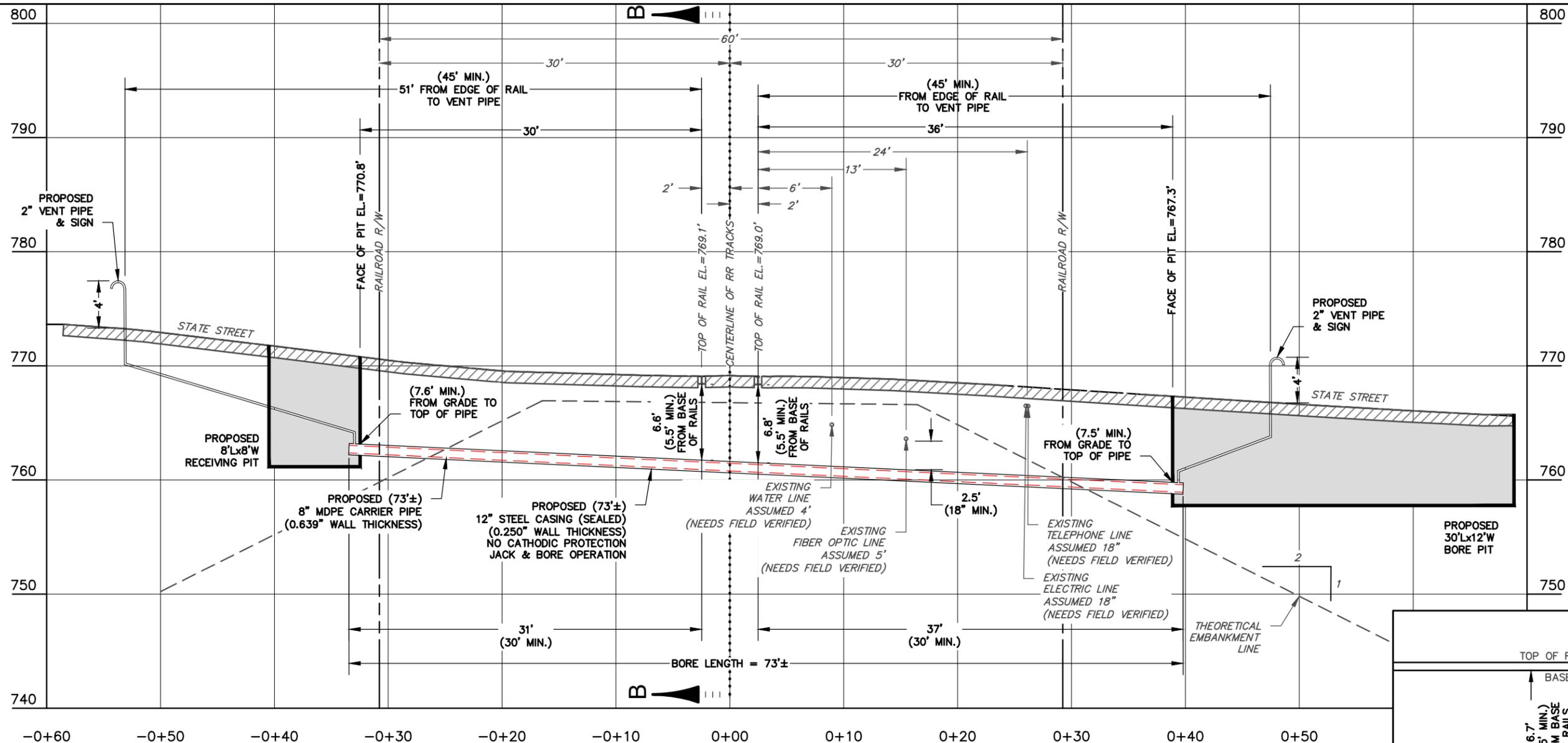


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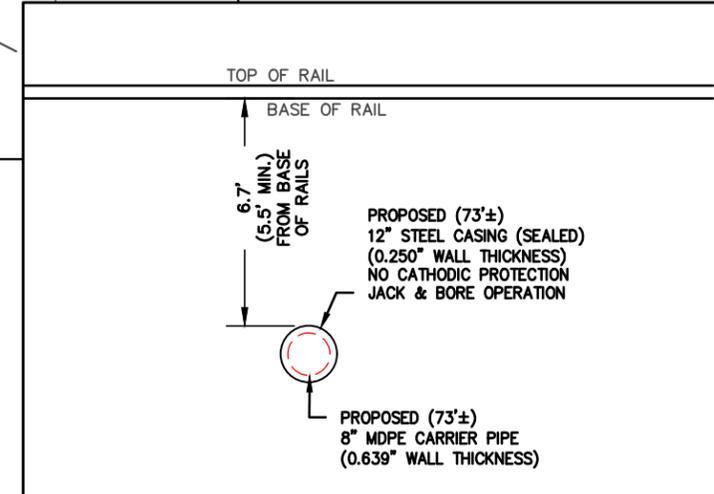
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November 11, 2024

Kathleen Pysh
COLUMBIA GAS OF PA, INC.
4000 Energy Drive
Bridgeville, Pennsylvania 15017

RE: Proposed installation of a transverse crossing of an underground 8-inch plastic natural gas pipeline, in a 12-inch steel casing pipe, wholly within the confines of the public right of way of State Street (AAR/DOT #507757M)

**Keystone Division, at Mile Post ML-46.99
Speers, Washington County, Pennsylvania
Latitude / Longitude: 40.124353 / -79.878647
NS Activity No. 1319783**

Dear Kathleen Pysh:

Attached for your records is a copy of the fully executed agreement countersigned by Norfolk Southern Railway Company ("Railway").

For Scheduling of Flagging & Construction Monitoring submit a Protection Services Coordination request online at: <https://ns.railprosp permitting.com>

If you have questions regarding the Protection Service request process, the work plan requirements, or need assistance submitting a request, please send an email to NS.Info@RailPros.com or call (402) 965-0539. It is recommended that the contractor or construction field manager submit the request as information on specific construction means and methods are required. Projects are scheduled only after the construction work plan has been approved. **Entry onto Railway's property without the Division Engineer or their representative's prior approval is considered trespassing.**

NOTE: Please email to ns.permitting@railpros.com complete as-built drawings of the Facilities in an electronic format within thirty (30) days of (i) completion of the initial installation of the Facilities and (ii) completion of any material change to the Facilities.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Norma J. Reynolds".

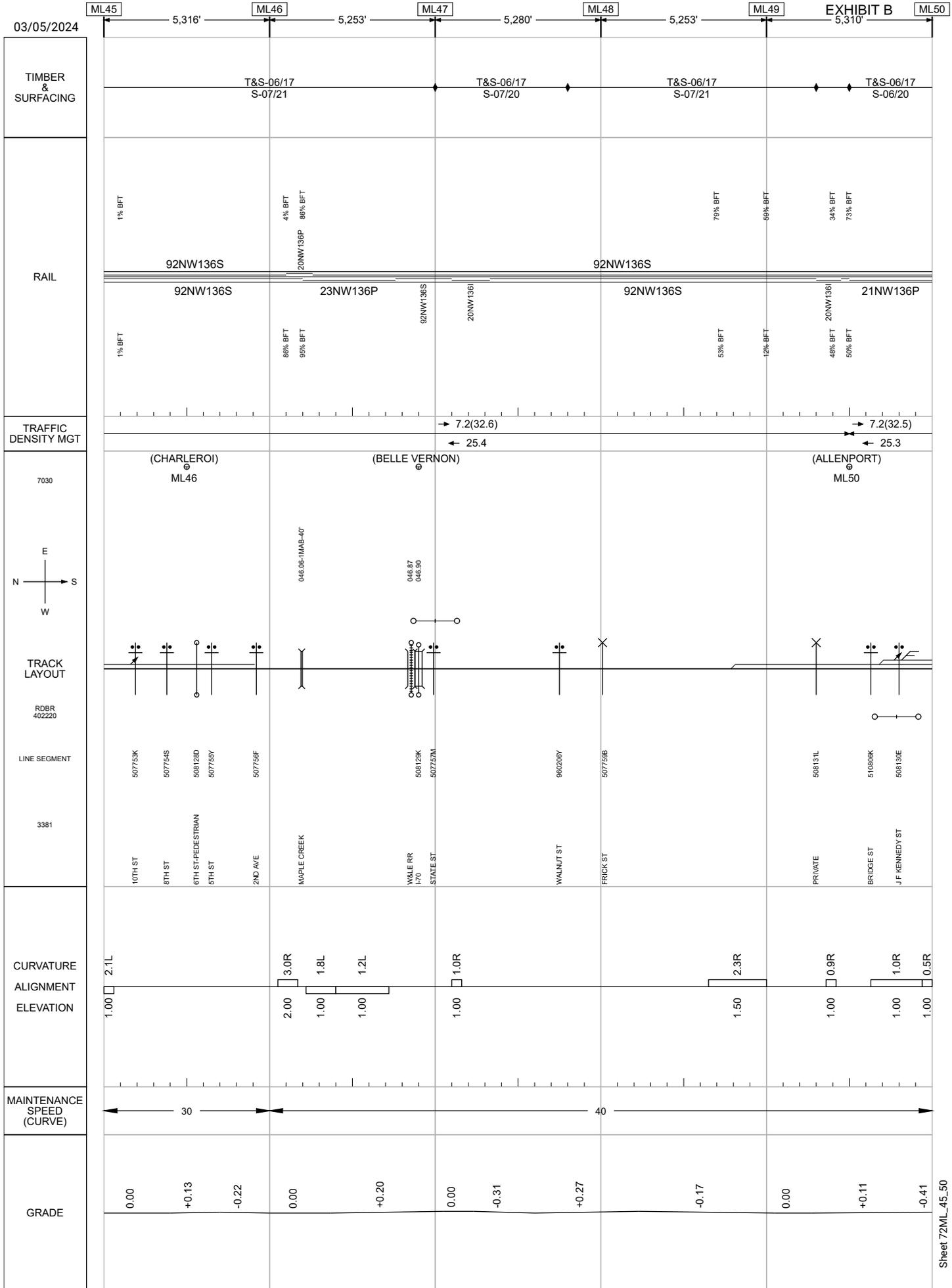
Norma J. Reynolds
Real Estate Project Manager

PIPE DATA SHEET

	CARRIER PIPE	CASING PIPE
CONTENTS TO BE HANDLED	Natural Gas	Casing Only
MAX. ALLOWABLE OPERATING PRESSURE	60 PSIG	N/A
NOMINAL SIZE OF PIPE	8"	12"
OUTSIDE DIAMETER	8.625"	12.750"
INSIDE DIAMETER	7.347"	12.250"
WALL THICKNESS	0.639"	0.250"
WEIGHT PER FOOT		33.37 lbs.
MATERIAL	Plastic	Bare Steel
PROCESS OF MANUFACTURE	Extruded	Extruded
SPECIFICATION	MDPE 2406/2708	API5XL, Bare
GRADE OR CLASS (Specified Minimum Yield Strength)	MDPE 2406/2708	X42
TEST PRESSURE	150 PSIG	N/A
TYPE OF JOINT	Fusion	Welded
TYPE OF COATING	N/A	N/A
DETAILS OF CATHODIC PROTECTION	N/A	None-Uncoated
DETAILS OF SEALS OR PROTECTION AT END OF CASING	N/A	Rubber Boots
CHARACTER OF SUBSURFACE MATERIAL	Clay w/limestone	
APPROXIMATE GROUND WATER LEVEL	30-42"	
SOURCE OF INFORMATION ON SUBSURFACE CONDITIONS	USDA NRCS	

Proposed method of installation (refer to NSCE-8 Specification):

- Bore & Jack
- Jacking
- Tunneling (with Tunnel Liner Plate)
- Directional Bore/Horizontal Direction Drilling – Method A
- Directional Bore/Horizontal Direction Drilling – Method B
- Open Cut – *All installations directly under any track must be designed as a bored installation. Open cut installations will be considered on a case-by-case basis by Norfolk Southern's Division Superintendent at the time of installation.*
- Other – Please Specify: _____



Addendum Form

THIS ADDENDUM TO MASTER LICENSE AGREEMENT, made this 5th day of November, 2024 between NORFOLK SOUTHERN RAILWAY COMPANY, a Virginia corporation (hereinafter called "**Railway**"), and COLUMBIA GAS OF PA, INC., a Pennsylvania corporation (hereinafter called "**Utility**").

WHEREAS, the parties hereto have entered into that certain Master License Agreement dated the 31st day of December, 2019 (hereinafter called the "Master Agreement", Railway Custodian No. 337777); and

WHEREAS, the parties hereto desire to amend the Master Agreement by including certain facilities, as follows: the proposed installation of a transverse crossing of an underground 8-inch plastic natural gas pipeline, in a 12-inch steel casing pipe, wholly within the confines of the public right of way of State Street (AAR/DOT #507757M) (hereinafter collectively called the "Facilities") crossing under the land and tracks of Railway at Milepost ML-46.99 (Valuation Section 23.2, Map 29, Valuation Station 2158+16) at Latitude 40.124353, Longitude -79.878647, at or near Speers, Washington County, Pennsylvania, in accordance with and as shown on the drawings marked Exhibit A, dated September 24, 2024, approved by engineering on September 24, 2024, submitted with Application #26294, attached hereto and made a part hereof.

NOW, THEREFORE, Railway, for and in consideration of One Dollar (\$1.00), and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, and in further consideration of Utility keeping and performing the covenants and conditions of the Master Agreement, does hereby grant unto Utility, its successors and assigns, a License (as such term is defined in the Master Agreement) for the Facilities, which shall be governed by and subject to all of the terms of the Master Agreement.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto, intending to be legally bound, have caused this Addendum to Master License Agreement to be fully executed as of the day and year first above written.

Witness:

Keyana Helloway

RAILWAY:

NORFOLK SOUTHERN RAILWAY COMPANY, a Virginia corporation

By: Solomon Jackson
Real Estate Manager

STATE OF Georgia)
COUNTY OF Fulton)

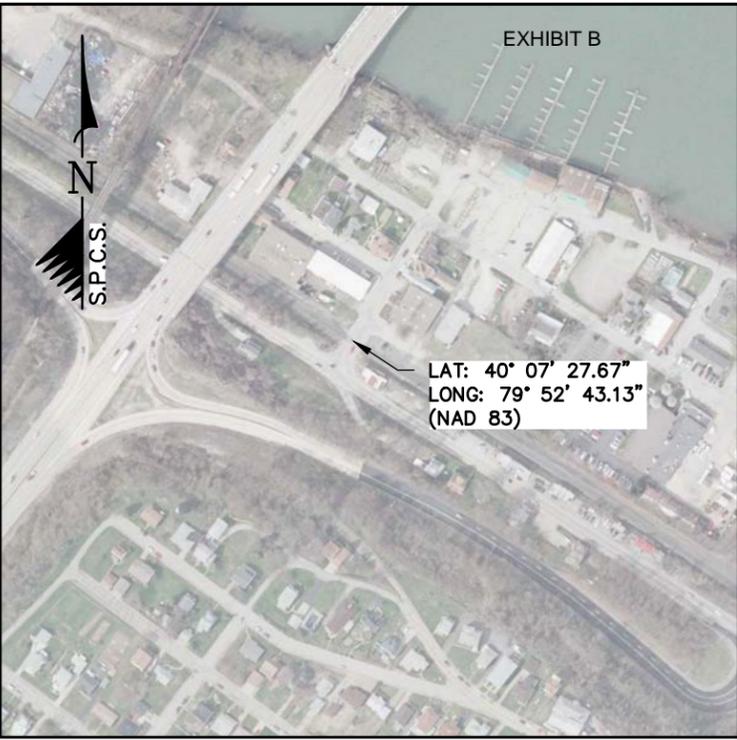
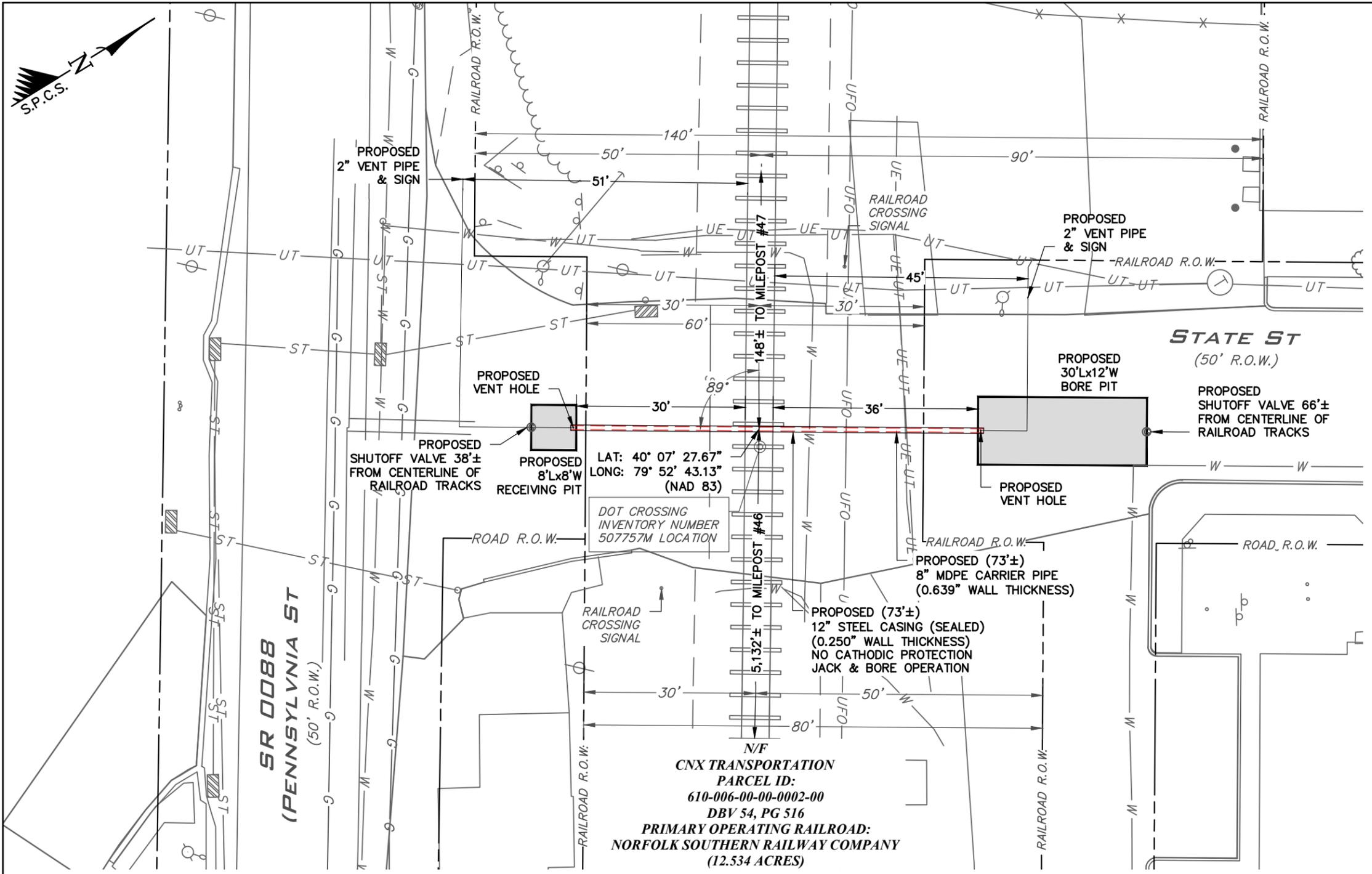
SS:

On this 5th day of November 2024 before me personally appeared Solomon Jackson who acknowledged that he is the Real Estate Manager, at Norfolk Southern Station, and that for and on behalf of said corporation as his act and deed, he executed the above and foregoing instrument, after having been duly authorized so to do.

Jalby An Quacopara
Notary Public

Activity No. 1319783
Norma Reynolds: 10/04/2024





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EXHIBIT A
2 Pages
Norfolk Southern Railway Company
Accompanying Agreement With
Columbia Gas of PA, Inc.

Activity No.:	1319783	E.S.:	2158+16
Division:	Keystone	Mile Post:	ML-46.99
Val Sec:	23.2	Map No.:	29
City:	Speers	County:	Washington
State:	Pennsylvania		
Lat:	40.124353	Long:	-79.878647

All work to be performed in accordance with the latest approved Norfolk Southern NSCE-4 and NSCE-8 Specifications
BLASTING NOT PERMITTED DATED 09/24/2024

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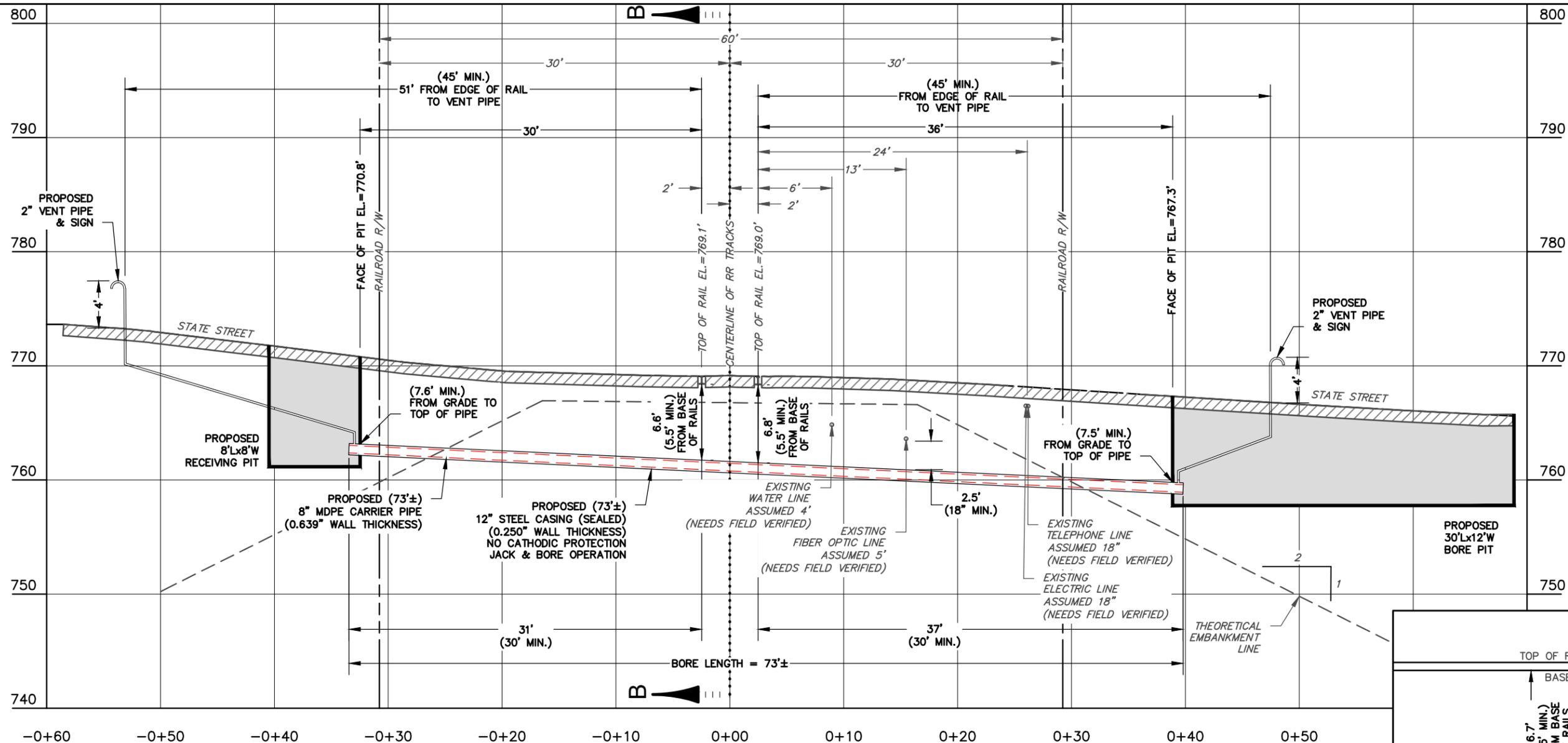
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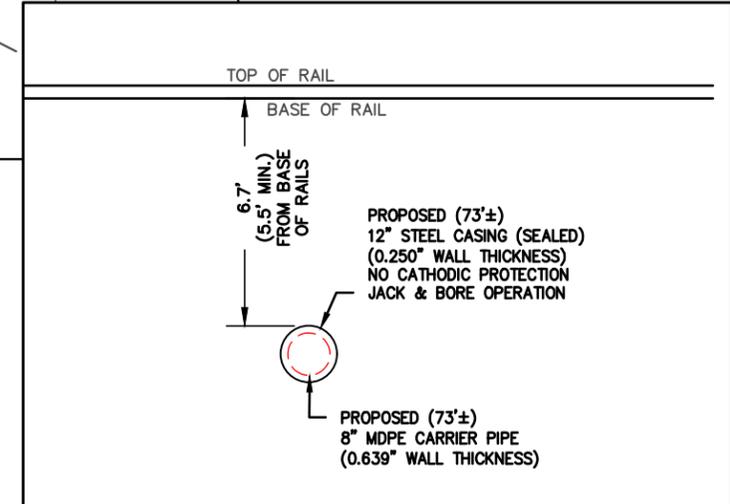
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VERIFICATION

I, Dyland Stark, 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: 11/20/2024

Dylan Stark

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*).

VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL ONLY

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Dated this 20th day of November, 2024.



Attorney's Signature