

Application Docket No.

Rail Safety Division Application Type (check all that apply):

- E-Installation, removal or substitution of warning devices at a public crossing
- G-Construction, alteration, relocation, abolition or suspension of a public crossing
- P-Installation of traffic signals with preemption on the approach to a public crossing
- W-Installation of a fixed utility company's facilities at a public crossing (Pipe & Wire)
- X-Exemption from the Commission's railroad clearance requirement

In re: Application of The Municipal Authority of the Borough of Portage for approval to alter the public crossing 529269V by the installation of water pipeline where Main Street (SR 0164) crosses at grade the track(s) of Norfolk Southern Railroad Company located in Portage Borough in Cambria County.

To Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission:

1. The name, address, telephone number, and e-mail address of the applicant are:
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3. The Municipal Authority of the Borough of Portage ("MABP") is a Pennsylvania Municipal Authority incorporated by the Pennsylvania Department of State, and exercising powers under the Pennsylvania Municipality Authorities Act, that provides water service to a population of approximately 6,000 in Cambria County.

4. MABP is replacing a portion of its water line and as part of that replacement, MABP proposed to install an eight-inch PVC water pipeline inserted into a sixteen-inch steel casing pipeline installed by jack and bore where Main Street, SR 0164, crosses at grade the tracks of Norfolk Southern Railroad, DOT No. 529269V. Attached as Exhibit 1 are drawings showing the location of the proposed 8-inch PVC line inserted into a 16-inch steel casing line, a section view of the crossing and details of the casing pipe that will be installed. Also included is a location map and pipe data sheet.

5. The parties that may be affected by the proposed alteration are as follows (see attached Certificate of Service):

Norfolk Southern Railroad Company	Highland Sewer and Water Authority
Cambria County Planning Commission	PennDOT
Portage Borough	Portage Sewer Authority
Peoples Natural Gas	Comcast
First Energy	Verizon
Lumen	Windstream

6. N/A

7. The estimated cost of installing the facilities is \$45,000. The water facilities will be installed by a to be determined contractor selected by public bidding. They will be maintained and inspected by The Municipal Authority of the Borough of Portage and may be partially funded by State and/or Federal funding.

8. The application is necessary or proper for the following reason(s): To replace aging ductile iron waterline.

Wherefore, The Municipal Authority of the Borough of Portage prays your Honorable Commission to approve the application:

THE MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY OF THE BOROUGH OF PORTAGE



(Signature of Applicant)

Toby D. McIlwain, Esquire

Solicitor for Municipal Authority of the Borough of Portage

VERIFICATION

I, Charles Gouse, Superintendent, 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).

3/13/2025

Date



(Signature)

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).

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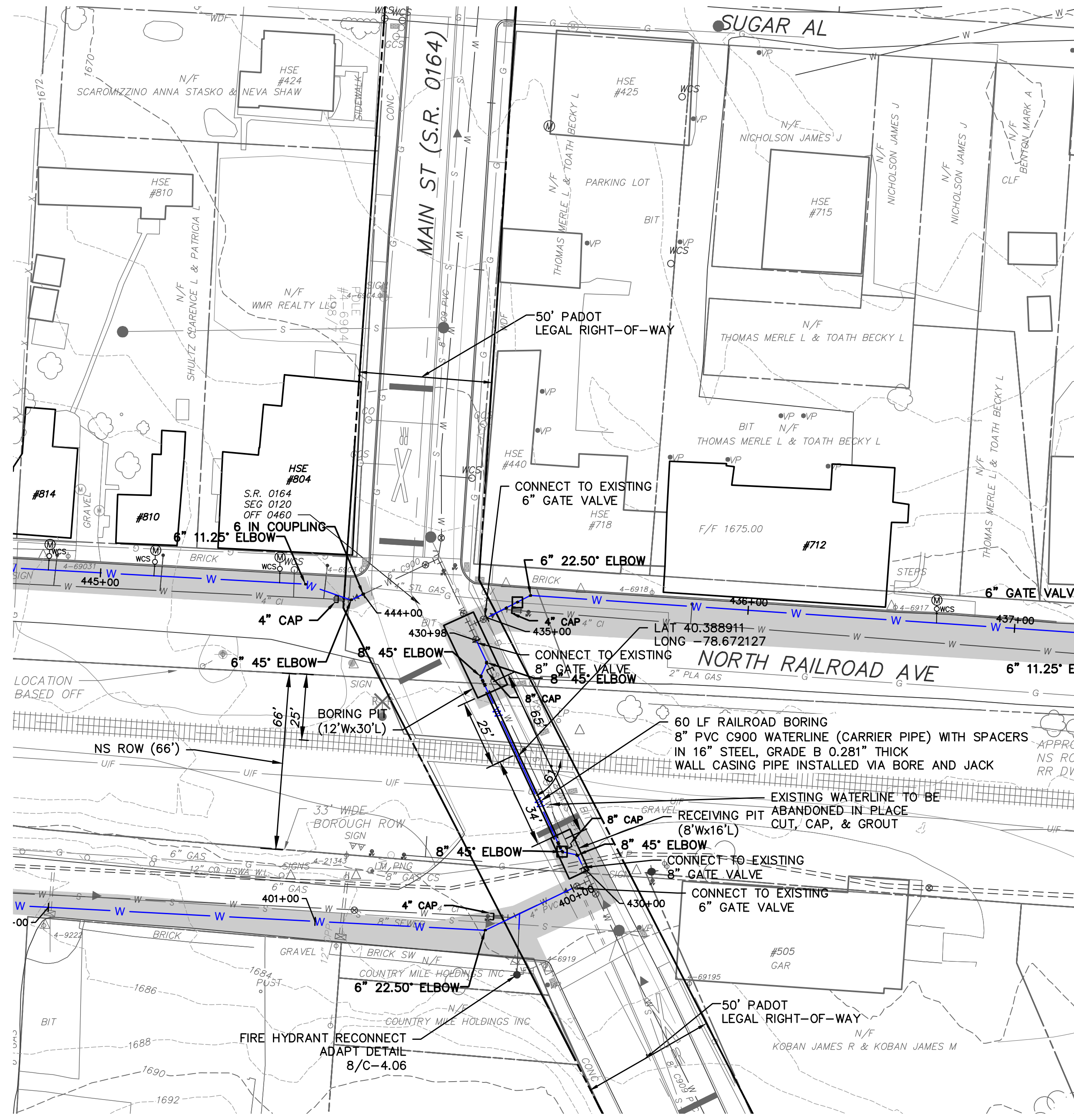
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Dated this 14th day of March, 2025

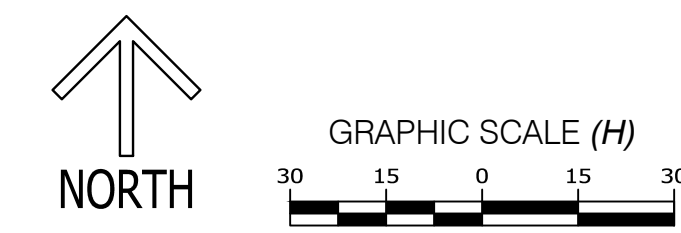


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Exhibit 1



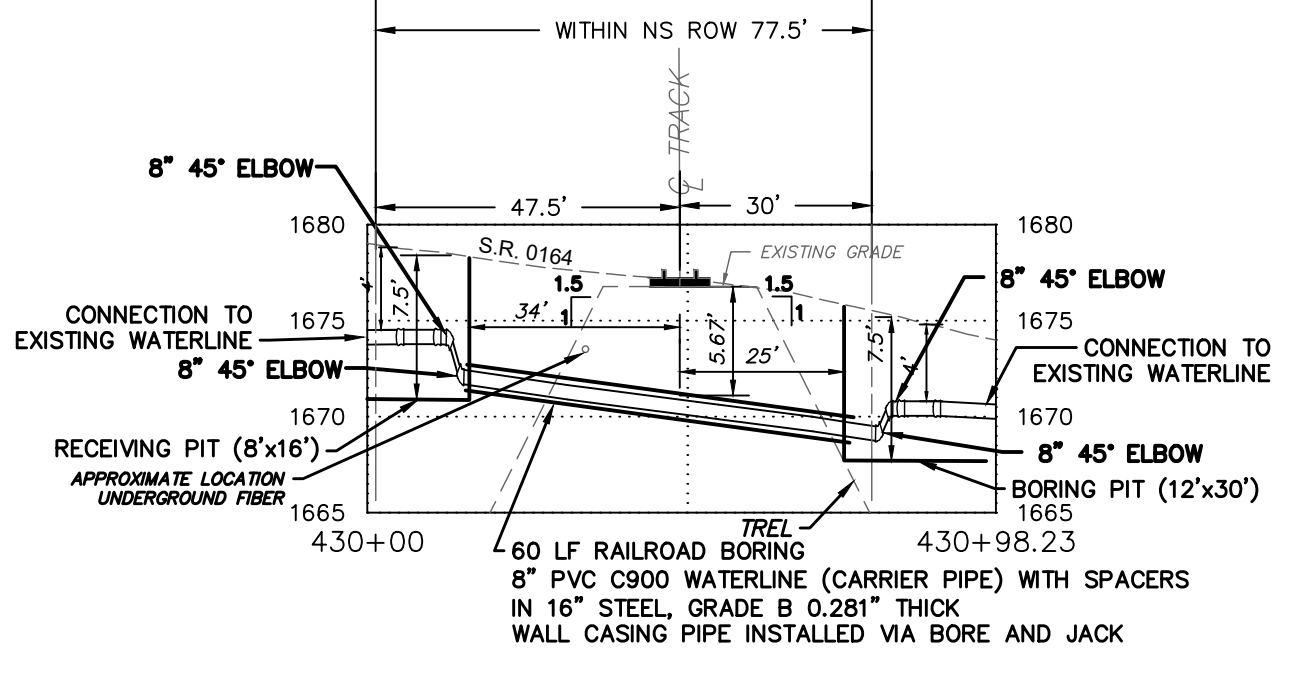
PLAN
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CONTOUR INTERVAL = 2 FEET



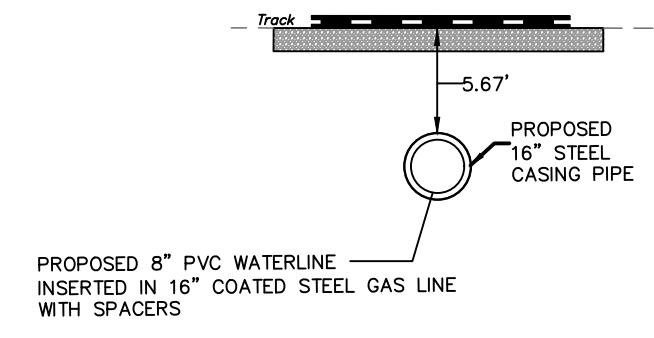
PAVING RESTORATION LIMITS

GENERAL NOTES:

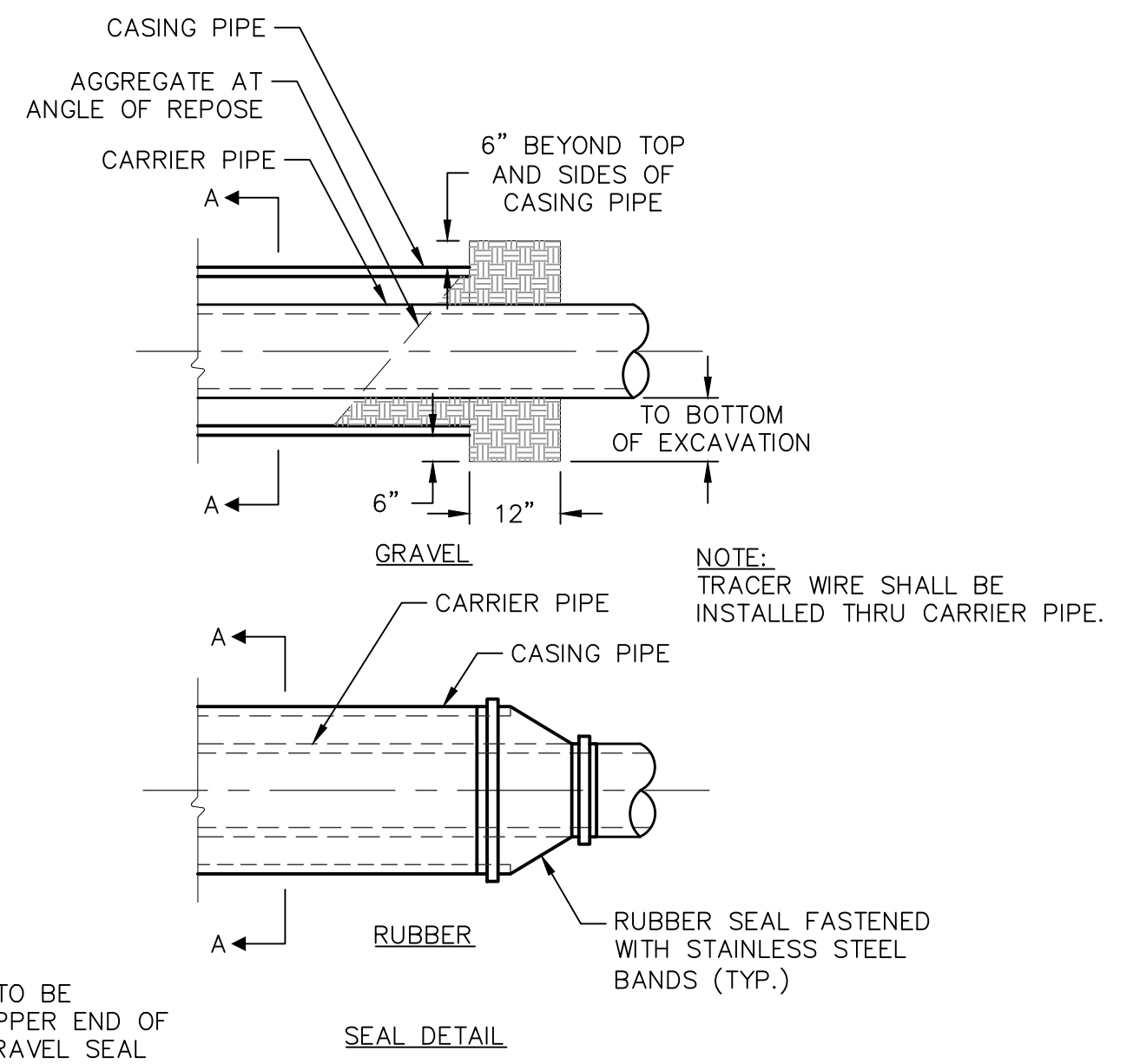
1. CONTRACTOR SHALL FOLLOW ALL REQUIREMENTS OF NORFOLK SOUTHERN'S NSCE-8 SPECIFICATIONS.
2. PIPE LINE AND CROSSING TO BE INSTALLED AND MAINTAINED IN ACCORDANCE WITH LAST APPROVED AMERICAN RAILWAY ENGINEERING AND MAINTENANCE OF WAY ASSOCIATION SPECIFICATIONS FOR PIPELINES CONVEYING FLAMMABLE AND NON-FLAMMABLE SUBSTANCES.
3. BLASTING NOT PERMITTED.
4. ALL OVERBORE CROSSING NS RAILROAD TRACKS SHALL BE LIMITED TO 2" OVERBORE PER AREMA AND NSCE GUIDELINES.
5. PIPE LINE LOCATIONS INSIDE THE NS ROW WHERE THE PIPE IS NOT DIRECTLY BENEATH ANY TRACK, THE DEPTH FROM GROUND SURFACE MUST BE A MINIMUM OF 4- FEET PER NSCE-8 SPECIFICATIONS (UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE).
6. PER NSCE-8 ALL JACKING OPERATIONS MUST BE EXECUTED ON A CONTINUOUS NON-STOP 24/7 BASIS UNTIL COMPLETE.



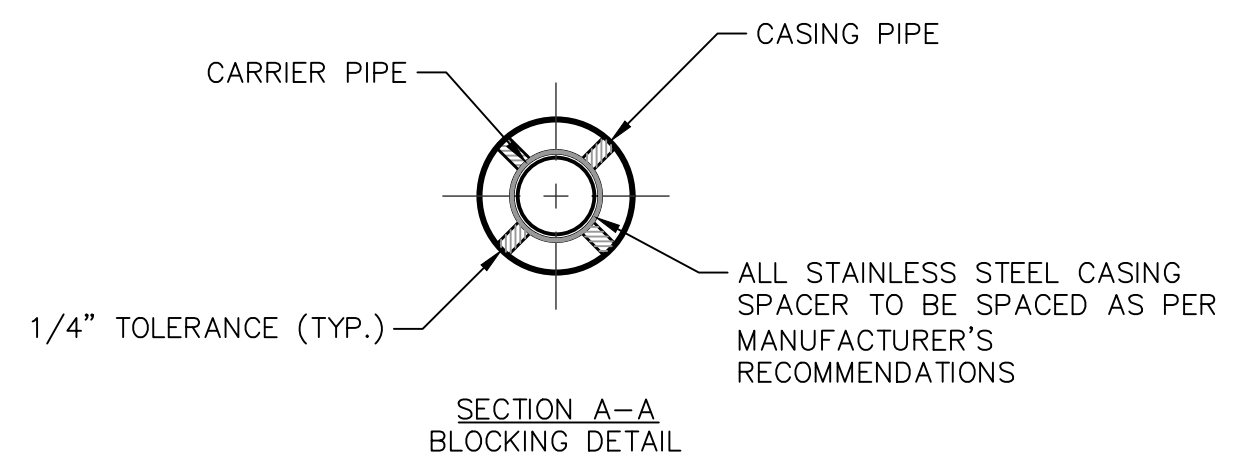
RAILROAD CROSSING 1 PROFILE - STA. 430+00 TO STA. 430+98
HORIZ SCALE: 1"=30'
VERT SCALE: 1"=10'



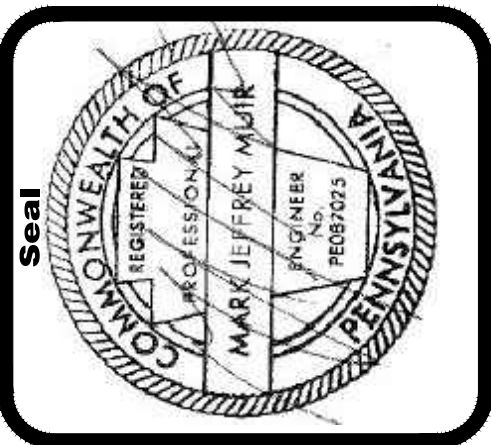
CROSS SECTION VIEW
N.T.S.



- NOTE:**
1. RUBBER SEAL TO BE LOCATED AT UPPER END OF CASING AND GRAVEL SEAL AT LOWER END OF CASING.



RAIL ROAD BORING - DETAIL
NOT TO SCALE



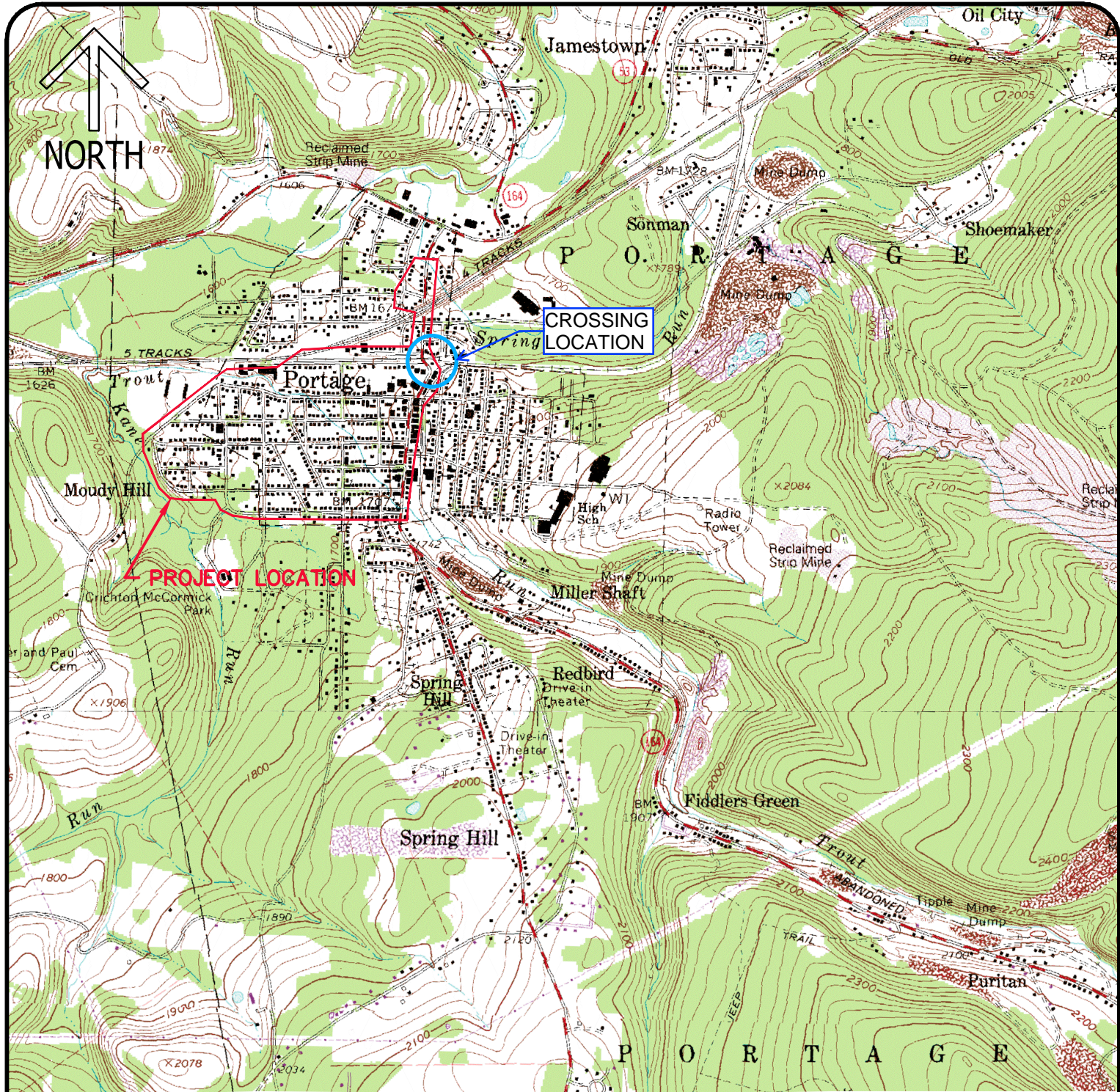
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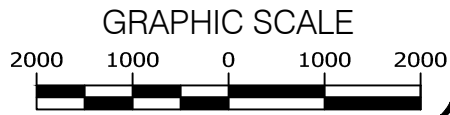
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CONTRACT NO. 0233-25-01
WATERLINE AND WATER METER REPLACEMENT PROJECT
RAILROAD ROAD CROSSING

Drawing No.
C-5.01



SCALE: 1" = 2000'



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LOCATION MAP



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Plate I - Pipe Data Sheet

	CARRIER PIPE	CASING PIPE
CONTENTS TO BE HANDLED	POTABLE WATER	n/a
MAX. ALLOWABLE OPERATING PRESSURE	235 PSI	n/a
NOMINAL SIZE OF PIPE	8"	16"
OUTSIDE DIAMETER	9.05"	16"
INSIDE DIAMETER	8.044"	15.719"
WALL THICKNESS	0.503"	0.281"
WEIGHT PER FOOT	9.15 LBS/FT	47.21 LBS/FT
MATERIAL	PVC C-900 polyvinyl chloride	steel
PROCESS OF MANUFACTURE	Factory manufactured	Factory manufactured
SPECIFICATION	ASTM D1784 AWWA C-900	ASTM A139
GRADE OR CLASS (Specified Minimum Yield Strength)	CLASS 235	Grade B
TEST PRESSURE	235 psi	35,000 psi
TYPE OF JOINT	GASKETED	welded
TYPE OF COATING	none	none
DETAILS OF CATHODIC PROTECTION	n/a	n/a
DETAILS OF SEALS OR PROTECTION AT END OF CASING	n/a	gravel - lower end rubber - upper end
CHARACTER OF SUBSURFACE MATERIAL	Urban land - Udorthents	Urban land - Udorthents
APPROXIMATE GROUND WATER LEVEL	>80"	>80"
SOURCE OF INFORMATION ON SUBSURFACE CONDITIONS	NRCS Web Soil Survey	NRCS Web Soil Survey

Proposed method of installation:

- Bore and jack (per Section 5.1.3 of NSCE-8)
- Jacking (per Section 5.1.4 of NSCE-8)
- Tunneling (with Tunnel Liner Plate) (per Section 5.1.5 of NSCE-8)
- Directional Bore/Horizontal Direction Drilling – Method A (per Section 5.1.6 of NSCE-8)
- Directional Bore/Horizontal Direction Drilling – Method B (per Section 5.1.6 of NSCE-8)
- Open Cut (per Section 5.1.2 of NSCE-8). *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 (Specify): _____

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