



May 15, 2025

Dennis J. Moody, P.E.
Rail Safety Division, Engineering Section
Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission
Commonwealth Keystone Building
400 North Street
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Subject: Bristol, Bucks County, PA
Railroad Milepost AN-66.22
40.106053, -74.852707

PUC Docket Number # A-2025-3054656

Dear Dennis J. Moody:

Reference is made to the PUC's letter dated April 25, 2025, transmitting the proposed plans for the subject project application. Amtrak has reviewed the plans, objects to the application at this time, and offers the following comments within the attached Comment Chart also available for download in the Documents tab of the [Amtrak Portal](#). This project is assigned PA-BU-10244.

The utility company should provide a response to each comment within the chart, revise the plans/information, and resubmit via the Amtrak Portal. All revisions on the plans shall be circled in red and noted in the revision block along the page margin. Please note that Amtrak will require an additional 20-business day review period once the revised plans have been submitted. Also, the plans are subject to additional review and comments from Amtrak.

If the PUC or the utility company have any questions or comments in regard to this application, Amtrak can be reached by email at pipewire@amtrak.com.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Moises P. Young".

Moises P. Young
Real Estate Development Manager – Utility Occupancies

CC: Dennis J. Moody, PA PUC
Scott R. Steffy, AQUA

Enclosures: 20-day Query Letter, Amtrak Comment Chart



COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
COMMONWEALTH KEYSTONE BUILDING
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IN REPLY PLEASE
REFER TO OUR FILE

April 25, 2025

A-2025-3054656

Via electronic mail
SEE ATTACHED LIST
PARTIES OF RECORD

In re: Application of Aqua Pennsylvania, Inc. for approval to alter the public crossing (DOT 530 986 P) by the installation of an underground 8-inch ductile iron pipe within a 16-inch steel casing where Jefferson Avenue crosses, below grade, four (4) tracks of Amtrak (National Railroad Passenger Corporation) located in Bristol Borough, Bucks County.

To Whom It May Concern:

The above-captioned application was filed with the Commission requesting approval to alter the public crossing within the right-of-way of the subject highway.

It is requested that each party in interest review the application and notify the Commission of any objection to the application by May 15, 2025. If no objection to the application is filed with the Commission by the above stated date, the Commission will approve the application permitting Aqua Pennsylvania, Inc. to install its facilities through the public crossing listed in this proceeding in accordance with Section 2702, Title 66 of the Pennsylvania Public Utility Code.

All parties are being sent this notice by e-mail. Please eFile any written objections and formal correspondence via <https://efiling.puc.pa.gov> and e-mail a copy to the below address.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Dennis J. Moody'.

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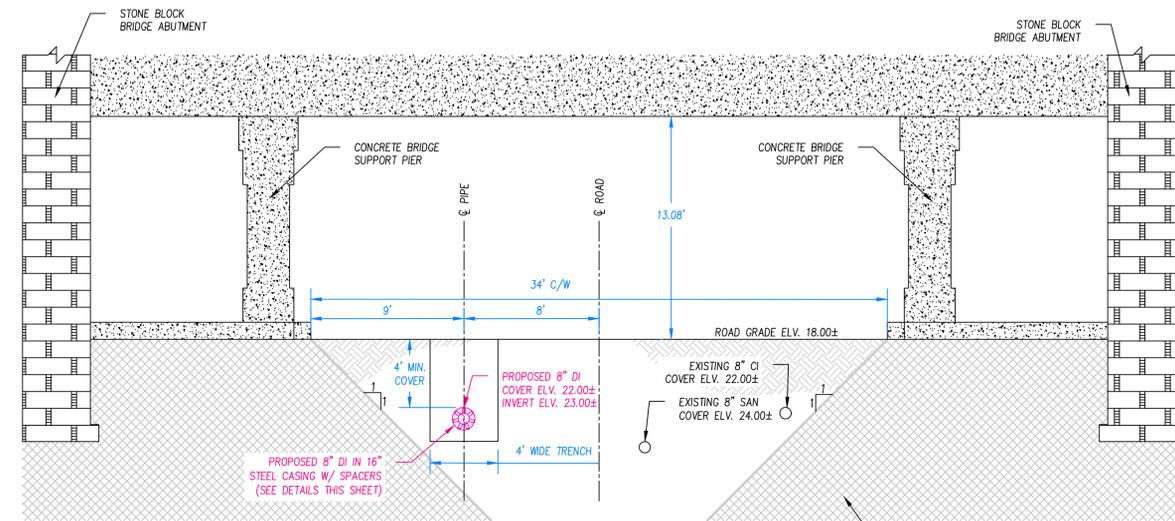
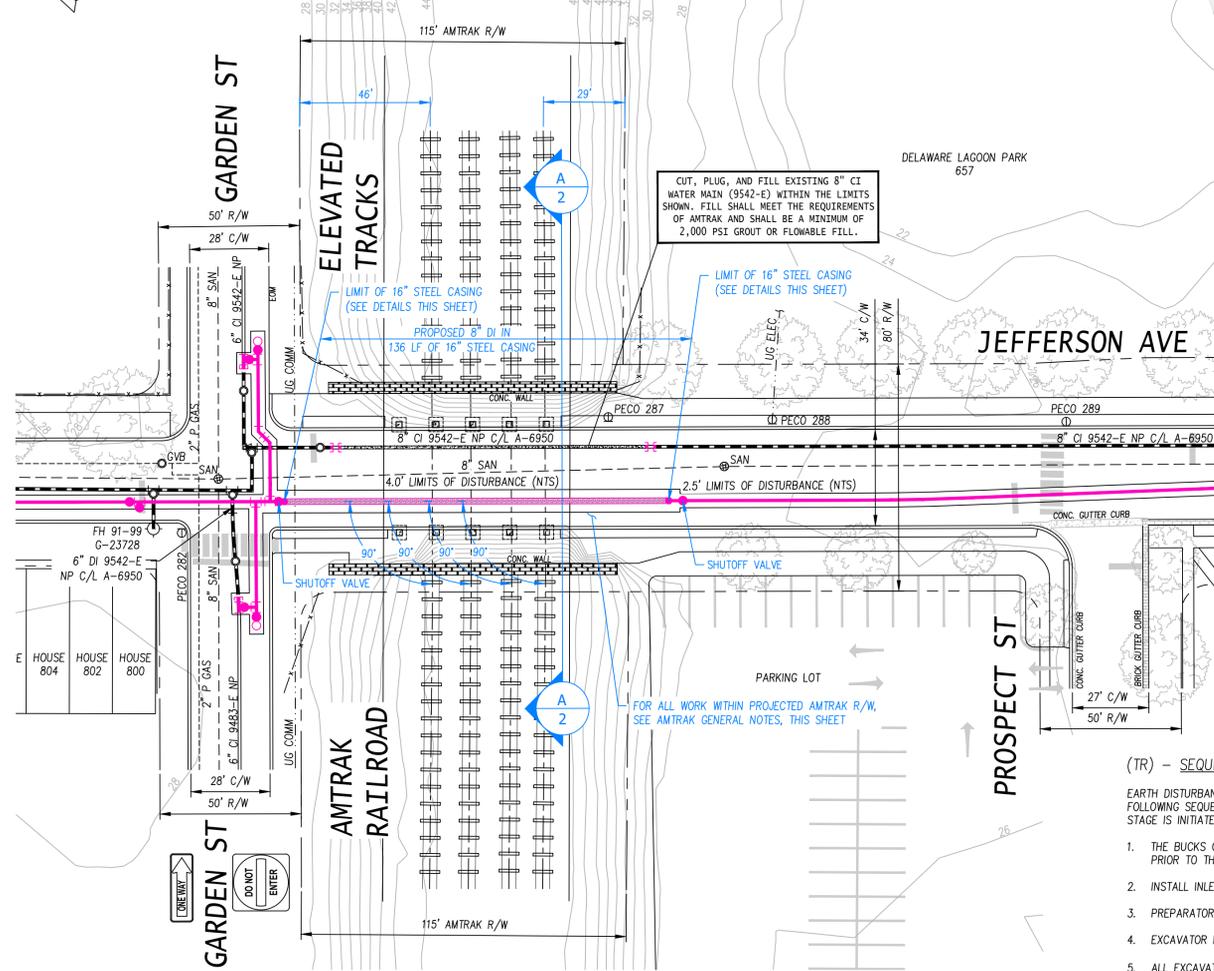
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AMTRAK ELEVATED RAIL
DOT AAR # 530 986 P
RR MILEPOST #0066.22



SECTION A-A (LOOKING NORTHEAST)
JEFFERSON AVE AT RAILROAD BRIDGE
US DOT # 530 986 P
MILEPOST 0066.22
SCALE 1"=5'

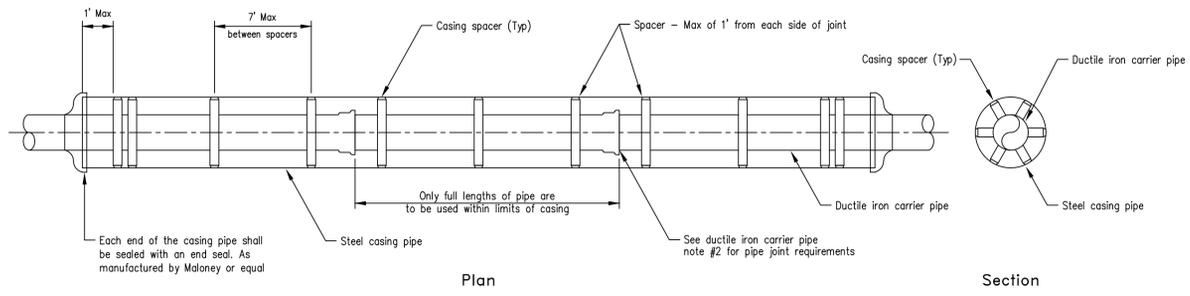
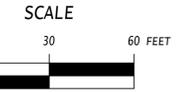
(TR) - SEQUENCE OF CONSTRUCTION FOR TRENCH EXCAVATION:

- EARTH DISTURBANCE ACTIVITIES SHALL PROCEED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE FOLLOWING SEQUENCE. EACH STAGE SHALL BE COMPLETED BEFORE ANY FOLLOWING STAGE IS INITIATED.
1. THE BUCKS COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT SHALL BE NOTIFIED 72 HOURS PRIOR TO THE START OF CONSTRUCTION BY THE CONTRACTOR.
 2. INSTALL INLET PROTECTION IN ALL INLETS PRIOR TO ANY EARTH DISTURBANCE.
 3. PREPARATORY EARTHWORK OPERATIONS.
 4. EXCAVATOR MOBILIZATION AND SET-UP.
 5. ALL EXCAVATED MATERIALS SHALL BE REMOVED VIA DUMP TRUCK (NO STOCKPILING OF ANY EXCAVATED MATERIALS).
 6. APPROVED ROAD PLATES ARE TO BE UTILIZED ONLY WHEN NECESSARY AND WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE AQUA INSPECTOR. THE TRENCH WILL BE SHORED TO PREVENT POSSIBLE TRENCH COLLAPSE. THE ROAD PLATE WILL THEN BE ANCHORED AND TEMPORARY PAVING (COLD PATCH) WILL BE PLACED AROUND THE PLATE'S EDGE. THE TEMPORARY PAVING WILL DIMINISH ANY WATER INFLOWING THE PLATED TRENCH OPENING DURING A POSSIBLE RAIN EVENT.
 7. EXCAVATE FOR WATER PIPE INSTALLATION. IF GROUNDWATER SEEPAGE INTO WATER MAIN TRENCH OCCURS, PUMP WATER INTO SEDIMENT FILTER BAG. (ALL SATURATED SOILS TO BE REMOVED SHALL BE HAULED IN A WATER TIGHT CONTAINER/DUMP TRUCK.)
 8. WATER PIPE INSTALLATION.
 9. BACKFILL OPERATIONS/TEMPORARY ROAD RESTORATION.
 10. PIPE TESTING OPERATIONS.
 11. RESTORATION AND DEMOBILIZATION.
 12. THE ENTIRE INSTALLATION PROCESS WILL BE DONE IN THE EXISTING CARTWAY.
 13. THE LIMITS OF DISTURBANCE WILL BE WITHIN THE EXISTING CARTWAY.

AMTRAK GENERAL NOTES

1. ALL WORK ON OR ADJACENT TO RAILROAD PROPERTY MUST COMPLY WITH AMTRAK ENGINEERING PRACTICES EP3014 - MAINTENANCE AND PROTECTION OF RAILROAD TRAFFIC DURING CONTRACTOR OPERATIONS.
2. DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION MUST COMPLY WITH AMTRAK ENGINEERING PRACTICES EP3005 - PIPELINE OCCUPANCY. PRIOR TO CONSTRUCTION OPERATIONS, CONTRACTOR MUST SUBMIT, AT A MINIMUM, THE FOLLOWING TO AMTRAK FOR REVIEW AND APPROVAL: CONSTRUCTION PROCEDURE MEANS AND METHODS, SCHEDULE, DEWATERING SYSTEM (IF ANY), AND CALCULATIONS, AS APPLICABLE. ALL CALCULATIONS MUST BE SIGNED AND STAMPED/SEALED BY A LICENSED ENGINEER REGISTERED IN THE STATE.
3. ALL UNDERGROUND UTILITIES, CABLE, AND FACILITIES MUST BE LOCATED AND PROTECTED BEFORE ANY EXCAVATING, DRILLING, BORING/DIRECTIONAL DRILLING, GROUND PENETRATING ACTIVITIES, OR CONSTRUCTION TAKES PLACE. THIS INCLUDES RAILROAD AND COMMERCIAL UTILITIES, CABLES, DUCT LINES, AND FACILITIES. THESE ACTIVITIES WILL NOT BE PERFORMED IN CLOSE PROXIMITY TO THE RAILROAD DUCT LINES UNLESS MONITORED BY ON-SITE AMTRAK COMMUNICATIONS AND SIGNAL (C&S) DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL. HAND DIGGING MAY BE REQUIRED, AS DIRECTED BY AMTRAK THROUGH THE ON-SITE AMTRAK C&S SUPPORT PERSONNEL. AMTRAK MAINTAINS THE RIGHT TO ACCESS ALL EXISTING CABLES AND CONDUITS THROUGHOUT CONSTRUCTION. AMTRAK ALSO RESERVES THE RIGHT TO UPGRADE AND INSTALL NEW CABLES AND CONDUITS IN THE AFFECTED AREA. THE "ONE-CALL" PROCESS MUST BE FOLLOWED. BE AWARE THAT AMTRAK IS NOT PART OF THE ONE-CALL PROCESS. CONTACT AMTRAK ENGINEERING TO HAVE ALL RAILROAD UNDERGROUND UTILITIES AND ASSETS LOCATED. IF REQUESTED BY AMTRAK, EXISTING DEPTHS OF UTILITIES BEING CROSSED MUST BE VERIFIED THROUGH TEST PITS PERFORMED BY THE CONTRACTOR AS DIRECTED BY AND UNDER THE DIRECT SUPERVISION OF AMTRAK C&S SUPPORT PERSONNEL. PRECAUTIONS MUST BE TAKEN TO PREVENT ANY INTERRUPTION TO RAILROAD OPERATION.
4. ANY WORK (OR EQUIPMENT BEING STAGED ON-SITE DURING CONSTRUCTION) PERFORMED AT OR NEAR A RAILROAD CROSSING MUST NOT OBSTRUCT THE VIEW OF FLASHING LIGHT UNITS OR GATES TO ONCOMING TRAFFIC.
5. PRIOR TO ENTERING AMTRAK'S PROPERTY FOR ANY WORK, THE CONTRACTOR MUST SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETE THE CONTRACTOR ORIENTATION TRAINING. ALL CONTRACTORS MUST CARRY THEIR "AMTRAK CONTRACTOR ROADWAY WORKER PROTECTION" CARD WITH THEM AT ALL TIMES WHILE ON OR ADJACENT TO RAILROAD PROPERTY.
6. ALL PERSONS THAT ARE ON OR ADJACENT TO THE RAILROAD PROPERTY MUST SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETE THE CONTRACTOR ORIENTATION TRAINING. ALL CONTRACTORS MUST CARRY THEIR "AMTRAK CONTRACTOR ROADWAY WORKER PROTECTION" CARD WITH THEM AT ALL TIMES WHILE ON OR ADJACENT TO RAILROAD PROPERTY.
7. ANY DEBRIS OR DAMAGE RESULTING FROM WORK SHALL BE IMMEDIATELY REPORTED TO THE RAILROAD. RAILROAD SHALL BE REPAIRED BY RAILROAD FORCES AT PROJECT EXPENSE.
8. ELECTROMAGNETIC INTERFERENCE (EMI) CAUSED BY HIGH VOLTAGE TRANSMISSION LINES CAN HAVE AN IMPACT ON BURIED PIPELINES AND COMMUNICATION CABLE. EMI CAN HAVE AN IMPACT ON RAILROAD TRACK CIRCUITS, SIGNAL CIRCUITS AND FREQUENCIES ASSOCIATED WITH APPROACH OVERLAY AND ISLAND CIRCUITS FOR GRADE CROSSING EQUIPMENT. THE TRANSMISSION OWNER AND CONSTRUCTION COMPANY IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ELECTROMAGNETIC COMPATIBILITY BETWEEN THE TRANSMISSION LINES INSTALLED AND THE AMTRAK C&S SYSTEM TO MITIGATE THE RISK OF UNINTENTIONAL GENERATION, PROPAGATION AND RECEPTION OF ELECTROMAGNETIC WAVES THAT CAN CAUSE EMI OR EVEN PHYSICAL DAMAGE.
9. SHOULD EMI BE FOUND AT THIS LOCATION, THE TRANSMISSION OWNER MUST CONDUCT APPROPRIATE EMI/EMF STUDIES AND PROVIDE REMEDIES TO CORRECT ANY INDUCTIVE INTERFERENCE WITH RAILROAD FACILITIES AT OWNER'S EXPENSE.

PIPE CROSSING DATA	CARRIER PIPE	CASING PIPE
CONTENTS TO BE HANDLED	WATER	NONE
OPERATING PRESSURE (PSI)	80	N/A
NOMINAL PIPE SIZE (")	8"	16"
O.S. DIAMETER (")	9.05"	16.00"
I.S. DIAMETER (")	8.39"	15.00"
WALL THICKNESS (")	0.33"	0.50"
WEIGHT PER FOOT (LBS)	29	83
MATERIAL	DUCTILE	STEEL
PROCESS OF MANUFACTURE	CENTRIFUGALLY CAST	WELDED ROUND PIPE
SPECIFICATION	AWWA C150/C151	ASTM A53 & AWWA C200
GRADE OR CLASS	THICKNESS CLASS 52	A53 GRADE B
WORKING PRESSURE (PSI)	150	N/A
TYPE OF JOINT	MECHANICAL	WELDED
TYPE OF COATING	BITUMASTIC	BITUMASTIC
DETAILS OF CATHODIC PROTECTION	COATING	WRAP OR COATING
DETAILS OF SEAL OR PROTECTION AT ENDS OF CASING	N/A	FLEXIBLE OIL/WATER RESISTANT RUBBER END SEALS
METHOD OF INSTALLATION	TRENCHING	TRENCHING
SPECIFIC MIN. YIELD STRENGTH	42,000 PSI	35,000 PSI
CHARACTER OF SUBSURFACE MATERIAL	UNKNOWN	UNKNOWN
APPROXIMATE GROUND WATER LEVEL	UNKNOWN	UNKNOWN
SOURCE OF INFORMATION ON SUBSURFACE CONDITIONS	N/A	N/A



- STEEL CASING PIPE NOTES:**
1. ALL CASING PIPE UP TO 24" DIAMETER SHALL BE ASTM A53 GRADE B, 0.50" WALL THICKNESS, STANDARD WEIGHT, MANUFACTURED IN ACCORDANCE WITH AWWA C200.
 2. CASING PIPE SHALL BE REQUIRED FOR WATER MAINS CROSSING OVER AND UNDER HIGHWAYS, RAILROADS, OR ANY OTHER LOCATION WHERE A LEAKING PIPE CAN CREATE A HAZARDOUS CONDITION. IN GENERAL, CASING PIPE IS NOT REQUIRED FOR MAINS CROSSING BODIES OF WATER.
 3. ALL EXPOSED CASING PIPE SHALL BE SHOP BLASTED AND COATED EXTERNALLY IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STATE DOT PAINT SPECIFICATION FOR STRUCTURAL STEEL.
 4. ALL STEEL PIPE BELOW GRADE SHALL BE WRAPPED WITH PROTECTO-WRAP 310, COLD APPLIED PIPE TAPE OR CARBOLINE COATING. IN CASES WHERE STEEL PIPE RUNS ABOVE GRADE, COATING SHALL EXTEND TO A MINIMUM OF 18" BEYOND FINISHED GRADE. IF APPLICABLE, REFER TO THE CATHODIC PROTECTION PLAN FOR ADDITIONAL CORROSION PROTECTION MEASURES.
 5. IN CASES WHERE STEEL PIPE IS TO BE WELDED IN THE FIELD, PIPE SHALL BE ORDERED WITHOUT COATING 6" FROM EACH END TO ALLOW FOR BEVELING AND WELDING IN THE FIELD.
 6. ALL WELDERS SHALL BE CERTIFIED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE API 1104 CODE OR AN APPROVED EQUAL. CONTRACTOR SHALL PROVIDE OWNER WITH EVIDENCE OF CURRENT WELDER QUALIFICATION PRIOR TO THE COMMENCEMENT OF CONSTRUCTION.
 7. ALL PRODUCTION WELDS SHALL BE PERFORMED, TESTED AND INSPECTED IN CONFORMANCE WITH THE CURRENT EDITION OF AWWA C206.
 8. ANY WELDER WHO MAKES A PRODUCTION WELD THAT FAILS TO COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF AWWA C206 MAY BE IMMEDIATELY DISQUALIFIED FROM CURRENT AND/OR FUTURE WORK AT THE DISCRETION OF THE OWNER.
 9. STEEL CASING SHALL BE SO CONSTRUCTED AS TO PREVENT LEAKAGE OF ANY SUBSTANCE FROM THE CASING THROUGHOUT ITS LENGTH EXCEPT AT ENDS. CASING SHALL BE SO INSTALLED AS TO PREVENT THE FORMATION OF A WATERWAY UNDER THE RAILROAD, WITH AN EVEN BEARING THROUGHOUT ITS LENGTH, AND SHALL SLOPE TO ONE END.
- DUCTILE IRON CARRIER PIPE NOTES:**
1. ALL DUCTILE IRON PIPE SHALL BE CLASS 52 (MIN.), CEMENT LINED, INTERNALLY AND EXTERNALLY COATED AS PER AWWA C150 (LATEST SPECS).
 2. WHEN USING TYTON (OR PUSH-ON) JOINT PIPE, THE USE OF FIELD-LOK (RESTRAINT TYPE) GASKETS ARE REQUIRED AT EACH JOINT WITHIN THE CASING PIPE AND (C) PIPE JOINTS PAST THE CASING END SEAL ON EACH END. PIPE IS TO BE PUSHED THROUGH CASING, NOT PULLED. CONSULT PROJECT CONSTRUCTION PLANS IF OTHER TYPE OF RESTRAINT PIPE IS BEING INSTALLED AND FOLLOW THOSE SPECIFICATIONS ACCORDINGLY.
- Steel Casing Weld Detail (Typ)**
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- | Nominal Pipe Diameter | Minimum Nominal Casing I.D. |
|-----------------------|-----------------------------|
| 8" | 16" |
| 10" | 18" |
| 12" | 20" |
| 16" | 24" |
| 20" | 36" |

TYPICAL DUCTILE IRON WATER MAIN WITH STEEL CASING AND SPACERS



NO	DATE	REVISION	INTL.
0		ISSUED FOR CONSTRUCTION	
0		DESIGN COMPLETION	

AQUA PENNSYLVANIA, INCORPORATED
762 LANCASTER AVENUE, BRYN MAWR, PA., 19010

PROJECT PLAN FOR:
JEFFERSON AVE PROJECT
AMTRAK ROE PLAN
BRISTOL BOROUGH, BUCKS COUNTY

DRAWN BY: JDB	CHK'D BY: JMM	EXT No: 20275-E
DATE: 3/11/2025	SCALE: N.T.S.	PLATE: 1014, 1E14, 1E15
PROJECT No: 554.17	CPA ID No:	A - 63315
APPROVED		SHEET 6 OF 13

**BEFORE
PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

In Re: Application of Aqua Pennsylvania, Inc. for Approval of the alteration of the crossing (U.S DOT – 530 986 P) where Jefferson Avenue crosses above grade tracks operated by Amtrak at a bridge at milepost 0066.22 in Bristol Borough in Bucks County, Pennsylvania.

Application Docket No.:

To the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission:

1. The name and address of applicant is Aqua Pennsylvania, Inc., 762 West Lancaster Avenue, Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania 19010.
2. The name and address of the applicant’s attorney is Frances P. Orth, Esquire, 762 West Lancaster Avenue, Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania 19010.
3. Aqua Pennsylvania, Inc. is the local public water supplier.
4. By this application, approval is sought to install a 8-inch DIP pipe in the road in Amtrak ROW at the crossing of Jefferson Avenue located at milepost 0066.22. The crossing number is 530 986 P operated by Amtrak in Bristol Borough in Bucks County, Pennsylvania.
5. To the best of the applicant’s knowledge, the name and addresses of the persons, parties and entities potentially concerned in or affected by the proposed construction are:

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Amtrak 2955 Market Street Philadelphia, PA 19104 Attn: Candice Hager	PAPUC Railroad Crossing Applications Penn DOT Right of Way and Utilities Division Penn Dot Bureau of Design P.O. Box 3362 Attn: Mark Chappell PE Chief
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6. The cost of this portion of the project is estimated to be \$185,000.00. The project will be entirely funded and maintained by Aqua Pennsylvania, Inc.

7. The alteration is necessary or proper because it will improve water distribution operations and maintenance.

Wherefore, applicant requests the Commission approve this highway railroad crossing application.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Aqua Pennsylvania, Inc.

Date: 4/18/2025

By: 

Scott R. Steffy, Engineer III

VERIFICATION

I, Elizabeth Sobel, Vice President at Total Engineering and Consulting Services, LLC., 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: _____

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Elizabeth Sobel

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Elizabeth Sobel, hereby certify that I have this day served a true copy upon the participants, listed below, in accordance with the requirements of 52 PA Code Section 1.54 regarding the Application of Aqua Pennsylvania, Inc. for an upgrading to an existing water main installation at the crossing (U.S. DOT – 530 986 P) where Jefferson Avenue crosses above grade tracks operated by Amtrak located at milepost 0066.22 at crossing 530 986 P in Bristol Borough in Bucks County, Pennsylvania.

By U.S. 1st Class Mail

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Dated: _____



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