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June 18, 2025

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 DOT #145342C by the installation of a 6-inch plastic gas pipeline where State Route 0857 (Morgantown Street) crosses, at grade, the Tracks of Southwest Pennsylvania Railroad Co./Carload Express, located in the Borough Of Fairchance, Fayette County*
Docket No. A-2025-

Dear Secretary Chiavetta:

Enclosed is an Application for the approval of a proposed railroad crossing and alteration in Fairchance Borough, Fayette 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.

If you have any questions and/or concerns pertaining to this response letter, please do not hesitate to call or email me at efarah@nisource.com.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Emily Farah".

Emily Farah

Enclosure
cc: Certificate of Service

**BEFORE THE
PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

Application of Columbia Gas of Pennsylvania, :
Inc. for approval of the alteration of crossing :
DOT #145342C by the installation of a 6-inch :
plastic gas pipeline where State Route 0857 : Docket No. A-2025-_____ (Morgantown Street) crosses, at grade, the :
Tracks of Southwest Pennsylvania Railroad :
Co. / Carload Express, located in the Borough :
Of Fairchance, Fayette County :

To the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission:

Pursuant to 66 Pa. C.S. §2702(a), Columbia Gas of Pennsylvania, Inc. (“Columbia”) hereby requests that the Commission issue an Order authorizing Columbia to alter crossing DOT #145342C by the installation of a 6-inch plastic medium pressure gas pipeline where State Route 0857 (Morgantown Street) crosses, at grade, the tracks of Southwest Pennsylvania Railroad Co. / Carload Express located in the Borough of Fairchance in Fayette County, Pennsylvania.

1. The name and address of applicant are Columbia Gas of Pennsylvania, Inc., 121 Champion Way, Suite 100, Canonsburg, Pennsylvania 15317.
2. The name and address of applicant’s attorney are Emily Farah, NiSource Corporate Services Company, 121 Champion Way, Suite 100, Canonsburg, Pennsylvania 15317.
3. Columbia Gas of Pennsylvania, Inc. (“Columbia”) is engaged in the business of selling and distributing natural gas to retail customers within the Commonwealth and is therefore a “public utility” within the meaning of Section 102 of the Public Utility Code, 66 Pa.C.S. § 102, subject to the regulatory jurisdiction of the Commission. Columbia provides natural gas service to approximately 448,000 customers in 26 counties of Pennsylvania, pursuant to certificates of public convenience granted by the Commission.
4. Columbia’s alteration to the crossing where State Route 0857 (Morgantown Street) crosses, at grade, the tracks of Southwest Pennsylvania Railroad Company / Carload Express is necessary to continue providing safe, reliable gas service to Fairchance Borough. (Please see the attached Exhibit A for the exact location of the project).
5. A 6-inch diameter medium pressure, medium density polyethylene natural gas pipeline is to be installed via directional bore, within a 10-inch steel casing, in public right of way on State Route 0857 (Morgantown Street).

6. A design one-call was placed. The names of public utilities, municipalities, corporations, or property owners that may be affected by the proposed alteration of the crossing are as follows:

- Southwest Pennsylvania Railroad Company / Carload Express
- Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, ROW & Utility Division
- Office of Chief Counsel – PennDOT
- Pennsylvania Department of Transportation - District 12
- Fayette County
- Fairchance Borough
- North Fayette Municipal Authority
- FirstEnergy Corporation
- Verizon Pennsylvania, LLC.
- Fairchance Georges Joint Municipal Sewage Authority

7. The estimated cost of installing the facilities described in the Application is \$75,000. Columbia will be responsible for installing, maintaining, inspecting, and funding said facilities.

8. The alteration is necessary or proper for the following reasons: The expansion of Columbia's medium pressure system and subsequent abandonment of the existing low pressure system throughout the immediate project area in Fairchance Borough.

9. The abandonment and replacement of the existing 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 Southwest Pennsylvania Railroad Company / Carload Express's tracks or supporting terrain and, as such, compliance with Southwest Pennsylvania Railroad Company / Carload Express's construction requirements will be unnecessary.

11. Columbia seeks to cross the facilities of Southwest Pennsylvania Railroad Company / Carload Express at an established public highway-rail crossing and, therefore, requests that the Commission approve Columbia's application without any obligation that Columbia remunerate Southwest Pennsylvania Railroad Company / Carload Express for the privilege of occupying the right of way.

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

Dated: 6-18-2025

COLUMBIA GAS OF PENNSYLVANIA, INC.

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By: Emily Farah

Title: Assistant General Counsel

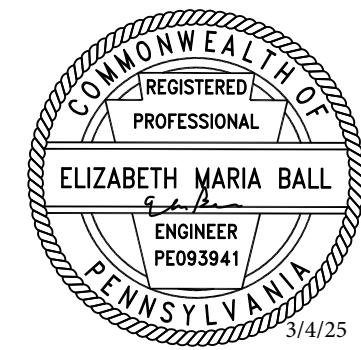
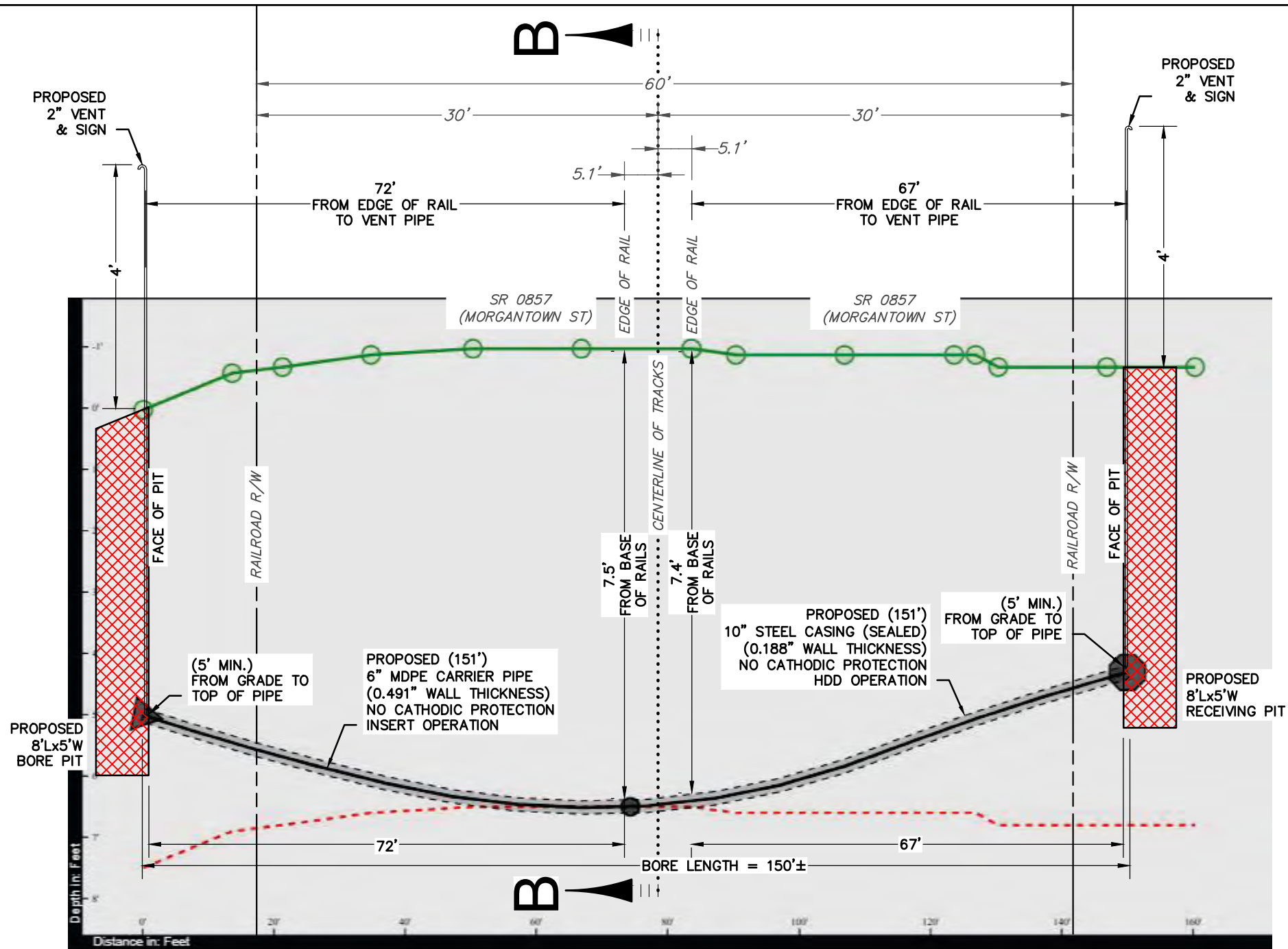
VERIFICATION

I, Jillian Weston, 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: 6-18-2025

Jillian Weston

(Jillian Weston virtual signature)



PROFILE VIEW A-A

- NOTES:**
1. THE UTILITIES SHOWN ON THESE PLANS WERE DERIVED FROM FIELD OBSERVATION. THE ACTUAL LOCATION AND DEPTH OF THE UTILITY LINES AND OTHER FEATURES MAY VARY. IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE CONTRACTOR TO IDENTIFY, VERIFY, AND SAFELY LOCATE ALL UTILITIES AND FEATURES FOR THIS PROJECT AT THE TIME OF CONSTRUCTION.
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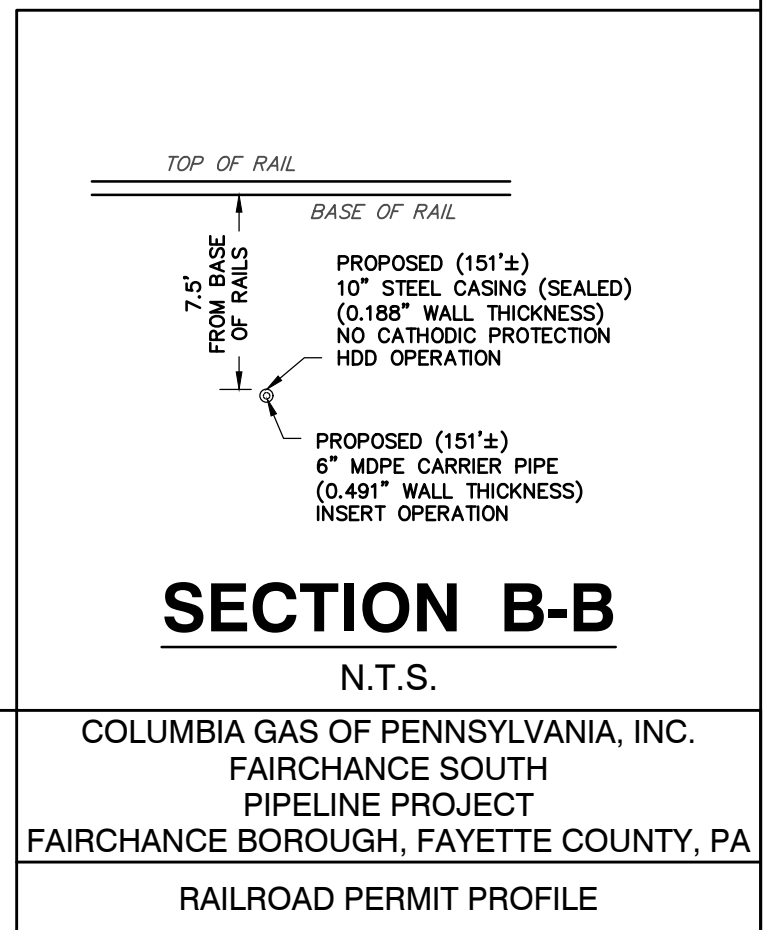
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 2. ALL OPEN EXCAVATION SHALL BE PROTECTED WITH FENCING.
 3. DO NOT STORE MATERIALS OF EQUIPMENT WITHIN 25 FEET OF THE CENTERLINE OF AN ACTIVE TRACK.
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DISCLAIMER:
 ALL MATERIAL SPECIFICATIONS, CONSTRUCTION METHODS, CALCULATIONS, AND COMPUTATIONS HAVE BEEN PROVIDED BY COLUMBIA GAS OF PA, AND/OR CARLOAD EXPRESS INC. (SOUTHWEST PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD COMPANY) KEYSTONE CONSULTANTS, LLC IS NOT CERTIFYING PIPELINE DESIGN OR CONSTRUCTION THAT WILL TAKE PLACE FOLLOWING CARLOAD EXPRESS INC. (SOUTHWEST PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD COMPANY) APPROVAL OF THIS EXHIBIT DRAWING.



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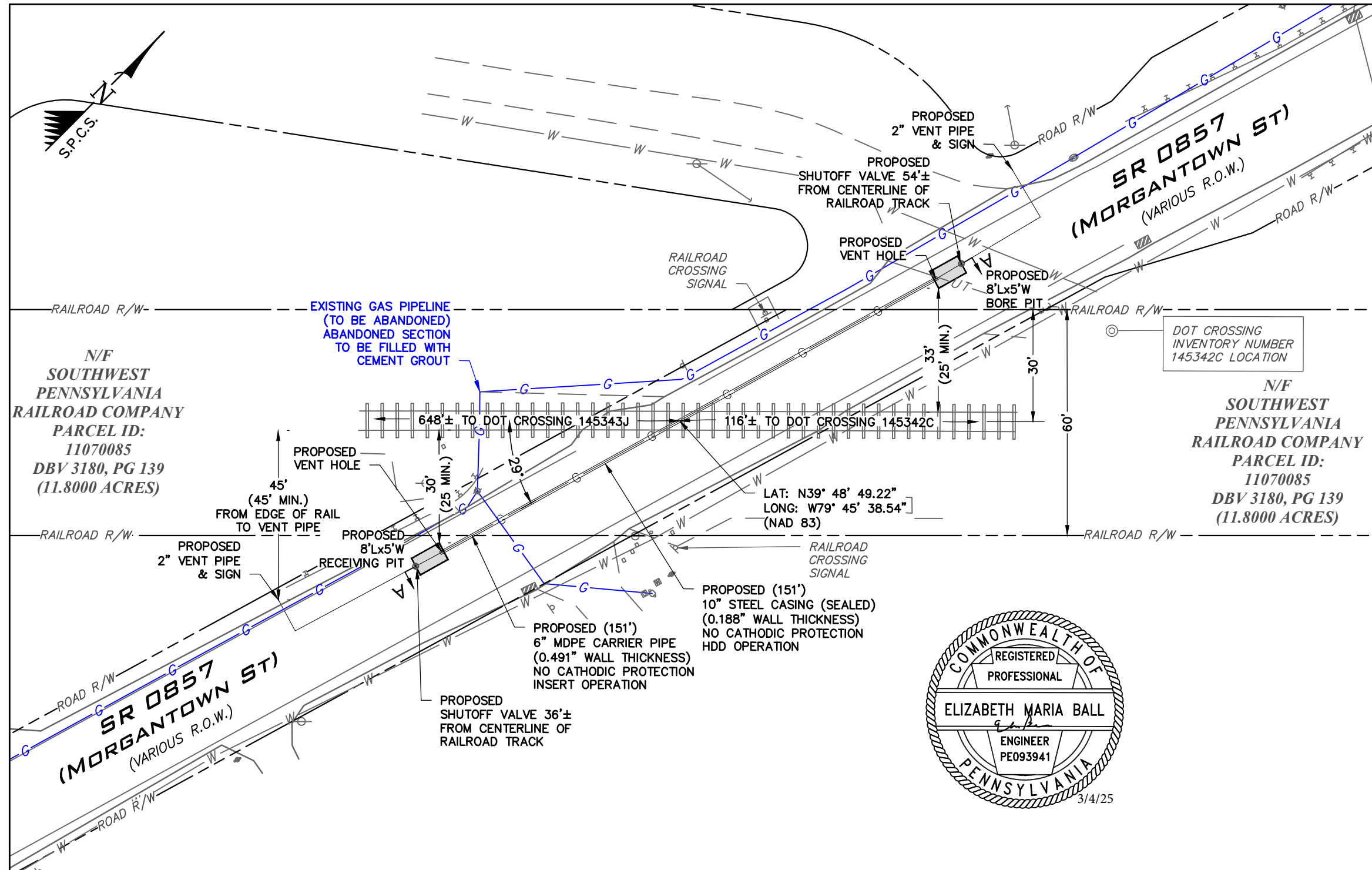
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COLUMBIA GAS OF PENNSYLVANIA, INC.
 FAIRCHANCE SOUTH PIPELINE PROJECT
 FAIRCHANCE BOROUGH, FAYETTE COUNTY, PA

RAILROAD PERMIT PROFILE

SEE PLAN SHEET 1 OF 2

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VICINITY MAP
1" = 400'

CONTRACTOR ADDITIONAL NOTES:
ALL PIPELINES (EXCEPT THOSE IN STREETS WHERE IT WOULD BE PRACTICAL TO DO SO) SHALL BE PROMINENTLY MARKED AT THE RIGHT-OF-WAY LINES (ON BOTH SIDES OF THE TRACK CROSSINGS) BY DURABLE, WEATHERPROOF SIGNS LOCATED OVER THE CENTERLINE OF THE PIPE.

- SIGNS SHALL SHOW THE FOLLOWING:
- 1) NAME AND ADDRESS OF OWNER.
 - 2) CONTENTS OF PIPE.
 - 3) PRESSURE IN PIPE.
 - 4) PIPE DEPTH BELOW GRADE AT POINT OF SIGN.
 - 5) EMERGENCY TELEPHONE NUMBER IN EVENT OF PIPE RUPTURE.

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RAILROAD PERMIT PLAN

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SEE PROFILE SHEET 2 OF 2

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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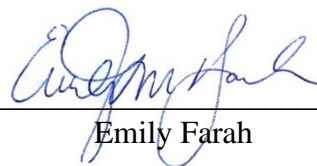
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Dated this 18th day of June, 2025.



Emily Farah