



**Verizon Pennsylvania LLC
Right of Way Department**

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

RE:DOT #529154B

Shade Township, Somerset County

Dear Ms. Chiavetta:

Enclosed is an application to the PUC for Verizon Pennsylvania LLC to place an aerial fiber optic cable and innerduct crossing in the Township of Shade, County of Somerset and must cross the Norfolk Railroad, in the public right of way of McGregor Avenue, Crossing #529154B

All parties have been notified.

Sincerely

Kathleen Meeks

Kathleen Meeks
Engineer III-Specialist

**BEFORE
PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

In re: Application of Verizon Pennsylvania LLC for approval to place an aerial fiber optic cable and innerduct located in the Township of Shade, Somerset County. To complete this work, we must cross Norfolk Southern Railroad in the public right of way of McGregor Avenue, Crossing #529154B

Application
Docket No.

To Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission:

1. The name and address of applicant are
Verizon Pennsylvania LLC
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40 S. Mercer St.
New Castle, PA 16101

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2. The name and address of applicant's attorney are

Susan D. Paiva
Assistant General Counsel
900 Race Street
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3. Verizon Pennsylvania LLC requests permission to place an aerial fiber optic cable and innerduct in the Township of Shade, Somerset County. **Projected Start Date for this project is February 21,2026.**
4. The proposed construction will involve a placement of an aerial fiber optic cable and innerduct attached to existing Verizon poles (Exhibit A)
5. The municipalities and property owners concerned in, or affected by, the crossing alterations are in Exhibit "B".
6. The motoring public and railroad traffic will not be impacted. Verizon Pennsylvania LLC will use normal construction procedures. Normal procedures will be followed including the use of flagmen to maintain normal flow of traffic.
7. The estimated cost of this construction project is \$10,000.00. Completion Date: March 21,2026
8. The construction is necessary or proper for the following reasons: **Subsidized Broadband**

Wherefore, applicant prays your Honorable Commission to approve the application:

Kathleen Meeks

1.36. Verification.

(a) Applications, petitions, formal complaints, motions and answers thereto containing an averment of fact not appearing of record in the action or containing a denial of fact shall be personally verified by a party thereto or by an authorized officer of the party if a corporation or association. Verification means a signed written statement of fact supported by oath or affirmation or made subject to the penalties of 18 Pa. C.S. §4904 (relating to unsworn falsification to authorities). If verification is required, notarization is not necessary.

(b) The Verification form should comply substantially with the following:

VERIFICATION

I, Kathleen Meeks, 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: 9/22/2025 *Kathleen Meeks*
(Signature)

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE
Exhibit B

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

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Dated this 22nd day of September 2025 *Kathleen Meeks*
(Signature)

