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400 NORTH STREET
HARRISBURG, PENNSYLVANIA 17120

IN REPLY PLEASE
REFER TO OUR FILE

October 9, 2025

A-2025-3055936

TO ALL PARTIES OF RECORD

Application of PPL Electric Utilities Corporation for approval to alter the public crossing (DOT 589 024 T) by the installation of one (1) new utility pole and replacement of one (1) existing utility pole where State Route 0054 (Barnesville Drive) crosses, at grade, a single track of Reading Blue Mountain & Northern Railroad Company located in Ryan Township, Schuylkill County.

To Whom It May Concern:

By Secretarial Letter dated August 4, 2025, the Commission approved PPL Electric Utilities Corporation's (PPL) application and directed the crossing alteration project be completed on or before July 31, 2026.

On August 15, 2025, Reading Blue Mountain & Northern Railroad Company (RBMN) filed a petition for reconsideration from staff action in regard to the Secretarial Letter dated August 4, 2025. In its petition RBMN stated that the guy wire location for the new steel pole depicted on the approved plans in the northwest quadrant of the crossing was proposed to be placed on private railroad property outside of the joint right-of-way. RBMN is not opposed to PPL's crossing alteration project, however they are opposed to the location of the guy wire.

Following receipt of RBMN's petition a Commission staff engineer contacted PPL and requested the location of the guy wire be altered and revised plans be submitted for approval.

On September 18, 2025, PPL emailed revised plans to a Commission staff engineer including all parties of record. PPL's revised plans propose the replacement of two (2) existing wooden poles with new 60-foot steel poles; one (1) located on the west side of the crossing west of a private driveway (47119S54599), and one (1) located on the east side of the crossing in front of the US Post Office building (47134S54484). The proposed replacement poles and/or guy wires will be located on private property utilizing existing right-of-way agreements. The minimum vertical clearance for all aerial facilities at the subject crossing is proposed to be 41-feet as measured from the top of rail to the foreign utility's line.

All parties of record were queried by letter dated September 18, 2025, sent via email as to any objection to the revised plans. On September 19, 2025, a Commission staff engineer contacted RBMN via email to inquire if the revised plans mitigated the objection raised by their filed petition. On October 1, 2025, RBMN via email to a Commission staff engineer stated that they had reviewed the revised plans and found them to be acceptable mitigating their objection. None of the other parties have responded with any objection to the revised plans.

We have carefully reviewed the record in this proceeding and will approve PPL's revised plans. This Commission issues this Secretarial Letter in accordance with Section 2702 of the Public Utility Code.

THEREFORE:

The revised plans of PPL Electric Utilities Corporation received by the Commission on September 18, 2025, are hereby approved to the extent herein directed:

1. Paragraph 2 of our Secretarial Letter dated August 4, 2025, which reads as follows, to wit:

“2. The public crossing (DOT 589 024 T) where State Route 0054 (Barnesville Drive) crosses, at grade, a single track of Reading Blue Mountain & Northern Railroad Company in Ryan Township, Schuylkill County be altered generally in accordance with the revised installation plans entitled: “EXHIBIT A” consisting of one (1) sheet provided to the Commission on July 8, 2025; which plans are made part hereof and are hereby approved except insofar as they may relate to the division of work, deletion of work, or the allocation of costs and expenses incident to the installation of the project.”

be and is hereby modified to read:

2. The public crossing (DOT 589 024 T) where State Route 0054 (Barnesville Drive) crosses, at grade, a single track of Reading Blue Mountain & Northern Railroad Company in Ryan Township, Schuylkill County be altered generally in accordance with the revised installation plans entitled: “PPL CROSSING (12kv) PPL CROSSING READING BLUE MOUNTAIN RAILROAD COMPANY AT LAT. 40.816997 LONG. - 76.047379 BARNVILLE DR & GRIER AVE” consisting of one (1) sheet provided to the Commission on September 18, 2025; which plans are made part hereof and are hereby approved except insofar as they may relate to the division of work, deletion of work, or the allocation of costs and expenses incident to the installation of the project.

2. In all respects not inconsistent herewith, our Secretarial Letter dated August 4, 2025, remains in full force and effect.

The Parties are reminded that failure to comply with this or any Order or Secretarial Letter in this proceeding may result in an enforcement action seeking civil penalties and/or other sanctions pursuant to 66 Pa. C.S. § 3301.

All formal documents must be filed with the Secretary of the Commission. Documents must be eFiled, mailed or hand delivered. All filings should be addressed to the Secretary, PA Public Utility Commission, 400 North Street, Harrisburg, PA 17120. The Commission will not accept documents delivered by fax or by e-mail. Parties are encouraged to file formal documents by eFiling with the Secretary of the Commission by opening an eFiling account through the Commission's website (the account is free of charge) and accepting eservice at <https://www.puc.pa.gov/filing-resources/efiling/>.

If your filing contains confidential material, you are required to file by overnight delivery to ensure the timely filing of your submission. There are certain filings that cannot be eFiled, such as filings containing confidential or proprietary material. These must be submitted to the Secretary by overnight delivery, priority, or certified mail to allow tracking of your filing.

If you are dissatisfied with the resolution of this matter, you may, as set forth in 52 Pa. Code §§ 1.31 and 5.44, file a Petition for Reconsideration from Staff Action (Petition) with the Commission within twenty (20) days of the date of this letter. The Petition shall be eFiled with the Secretary of the Commission or sent to: Secretary, PA Public Utility Commission, 400 North Street, Harrisburg, PA 17120, and must be filed within twenty (20) days, or if no timely request is made, the action will be deemed to be a final action of the Commission.

The Petition MUST include: (1) a written statement (divided into numbered paragraphs) outlining the reasons for the request; (2) the case docket number (it is provided for you at the top right-hand corner of this letter); (3) the party on whose behalf the petition is made; (4) a Certificate of Service on the other parties of record; and (5) a Verification with original signature in accordance with 52 Pa. Code § 1.36.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Matthew L. Homsher".

Matthew L. Homsher
Secretary