

PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

Application Docket No. 89556

In re: . Application of READING COMPANY - For approval of the alteration of the crossing, at grade, by the removal of a westbound main track therefrom, where State Highway Route 09032 (Edgewood and Oxford Valley Road) crosses the tracks of said company at a point approximately 2590 feet west of Roelofs station, in Lower Makefield Township, Bucks County.

ORDER

BY THE COMMISSION, JANUARY 28, 1963:

At a point in Lower Makefield Township, Bucks County, four main tracks of the New York Branch of Reading Company cross, at grade, State Highway Route 09032 (Edgewood and Oxford Valley Road).

In the instant application, Reading Company seeks Commission approval of the alteration of this crossing by the removal of its No. 3 westbound main track, including the ties and other railroad facilities which are no longer necessary or required for service or operation.

A field conference, arranged by a member of the staff of this Commission and held December 11, 1962 at the site of the crossing, was attended by representatives of the railroad company and The Bell Telephone Company of Pennsylvania.

The representative of Reading Company stated at the conference that the railroad company agrees to furnish all material and do all work necessary to remove the rails, ties, catenary and other railroad facilities of its No. 3 westbound main track, replace all crossing paving so disturbed, and install reflectorized 90-degree crossbuck railroad crossing warning signs in lieu of the existing nonreflectorized signs. The costs involved in the alteration of this crossing will be assumed by Reading Company.

All parties to the proceeding have been served with a copy of the application; none has advised that it desires to be heard and a formal hearing appears unnecessary.

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Upon full consideration of the matters and things involved, we find and determine that the alteration of the crossing, at grade, as above described, is necessary or proper for the service, accommodation, convenience, or safety of the public; THEREFORE,

IT IS ORDERED:

1. That the instant application be and is hereby approved.
2. That the crossing, at grade, where four main tracks of Reading Company's New York Branch cross State Highway Route 09032 (Edgewood and Oxford Valley Road) approximately 2590 feet west of Roelofs station in Lower Makefield Township, Bucks County, be altered.
3. That Reading Company, at its sole cost and expense, furnish all material and do all work necessary to remove the rails, ties, catenary and other railroad facilities of its No. 3 westbound main track from within the limits of State Highway Route 09032 and replace the paving so disturbed with bituminous or other suitable material conforming with the adjacent highway.
4. That Reading Company, at its sole cost and expense, furnish all material and do all work necessary to install a reflectorized 90-degree crossbuck railroad crossing warning sign at a proper position on each side of the remaining tracks at the altered crossing, at grade.
5. That any relocation of, changes in, or removal of any adjacent structure, equipment, or other facilities of any public utility other than Reading Company, which may be required as incidental to the alteration of the crossing, be made by said public utility at the expense of Reading Company and in such manner as will not interfere with the alteration of the crossing.
6. That Reading Company, at its sole cost and expense, furnish all material and do all work necessary to complete the alteration of the crossing, including the installation or alteration of any facilities required to effect proper drainage of the highway at the altered crossing.

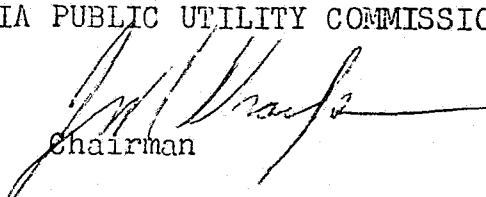
7. That all work necessary to complete the alteration of the crossing be done in a manner satisfactory to this Commission on or before December 31, 1963, and that on or before said date Reading Company report to this Commission the date of actual completion of the work.

8. That Reading Company pay all compensation for damages, if any, due to owners for property taken, injured or destroyed by reason of the alteration of the crossing in accordance with this order.

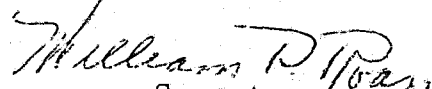
9. That upon completion of the crossing alteration, Reading Company, at its sole cost and expense, furnish all material and do all work necessary thereafter to maintain its remaining facilities at the altered crossing and to maintain in a smooth and passable condition the crossing paving located between its rails, between its tracks and for a distance of at least 24 inches beyond each remaining outside rail.

10. That upon completion of the alteration of the crossing, Department of Highways of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, at its sole cost and expense, furnish all material and do all work necessary thereafter to maintain the highway approaches to the altered crossing, at grade, including the portion of the highway formerly occupied by the retired railroad facilities.

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ATTEST:


Secretary