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**PPL Electric Utilities**

January 28, 2026

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

**RE: APPLICATION FOR PUBLIC CROSSING  
SHEARERS ROAD  
EAST PENN RAILROAD  
SPRING TOWNSHIP  
BERKS COUNTY**

Dear Secretary Chiavetta,

In accordance with Public Utility Code, Title 66, Chapter 2702, enclosed please find an application requesting permission to alter the crossing of **East Penn Railroad**. Said crossing will be within the public right of way confines of Shearers Road. It is located in the Township of Spring, Berks County.

Said alteration will consist of the raising of existing overhead facilities between poles 46732S35198 and 46744S35197 as well as installing a ground road on the latter pole. The overhead facilities are located within Public Right of Way of Shearers Road. This work is being done to upgrade existing upgrade the existing electric and communication facilities for the area.

PPL Electric Utilities will provide copies of same to all parties listed under its Certificate of Service.

Please review and provide the appropriate authorization to this office.

Should you have any questions please contact this office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Daniel G. Gerber", with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

Daniel G. Gerber  
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Enclosures

**BEFORE**  
**PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

In re: Application of **PPL Electric Utilities Corporation** for approval of the alteration of the crossing **591568R** by the alteration of the **single-phase distribution line** where **Shearers Road** crosses the tracks of the **East Penn Railroad** in the township of **Spring** in **Berks County**.

Application  
Docket No

To Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission:

1. The name and address of applicant are PPL Electric Utilities Corporation, 2 City Center, 645 Hamilton Street, Allentown, PA 18101.
2. The name and address of applicant's attorney are Mallory Sweeney, Associate General Counsel, PPL Electric Utilities Corporation, 2 City Center, 645 Hamilton Street, Allentown, PA 18101.
3. PPL Electric Utilities Corporation (PPL), a Pennsylvania Public Utility offers electric utility service. PPL maintains a corporate charter in Pennsylvania, wherein the by-laws permit public utility companies to occupy public spaces, including said crossing.
4. PPL proposes to raise the aerial facilities between poles 46732S35198 and 46744s35197, as well as install a ground rod on the latter pole. See attached plan for specifications.
5. Affected parties: (See attached exhibit "A")
6. **Vinemont Road** is a two-lane bituminous asphalt roadway. Scope of proposed work is relatively minor in scope and construction time frame will be short in duration; a formal traffic study was not conducted. Appropriate traffic control will be employed in accordance with PennDOT highway requirements. Operating Railroad will be contacted to arrange for appropriate flagging/protection services.
7. The construction costs associated with this proposal would be approximately \$10,000.00.
8. The alteration of said crossing, of the tracks of the **East Penn Railroad**, is necessary for PPL Electric Utilities Corporation to facilitate the upgrade of existing electric and communication facilities for the area.

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

Daniel G. Gerber  
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PPL Electric Utilities Corporation

**§ 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, **Daniel G. Gerber**, 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: 1-28-26

  
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(Signature)

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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Dated this 28<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2026



(Signature)

## EXHIBIT "B"

The public utilities, municipalities, corporations, and property owners concerned in, or affected by, the crossing alteration are:

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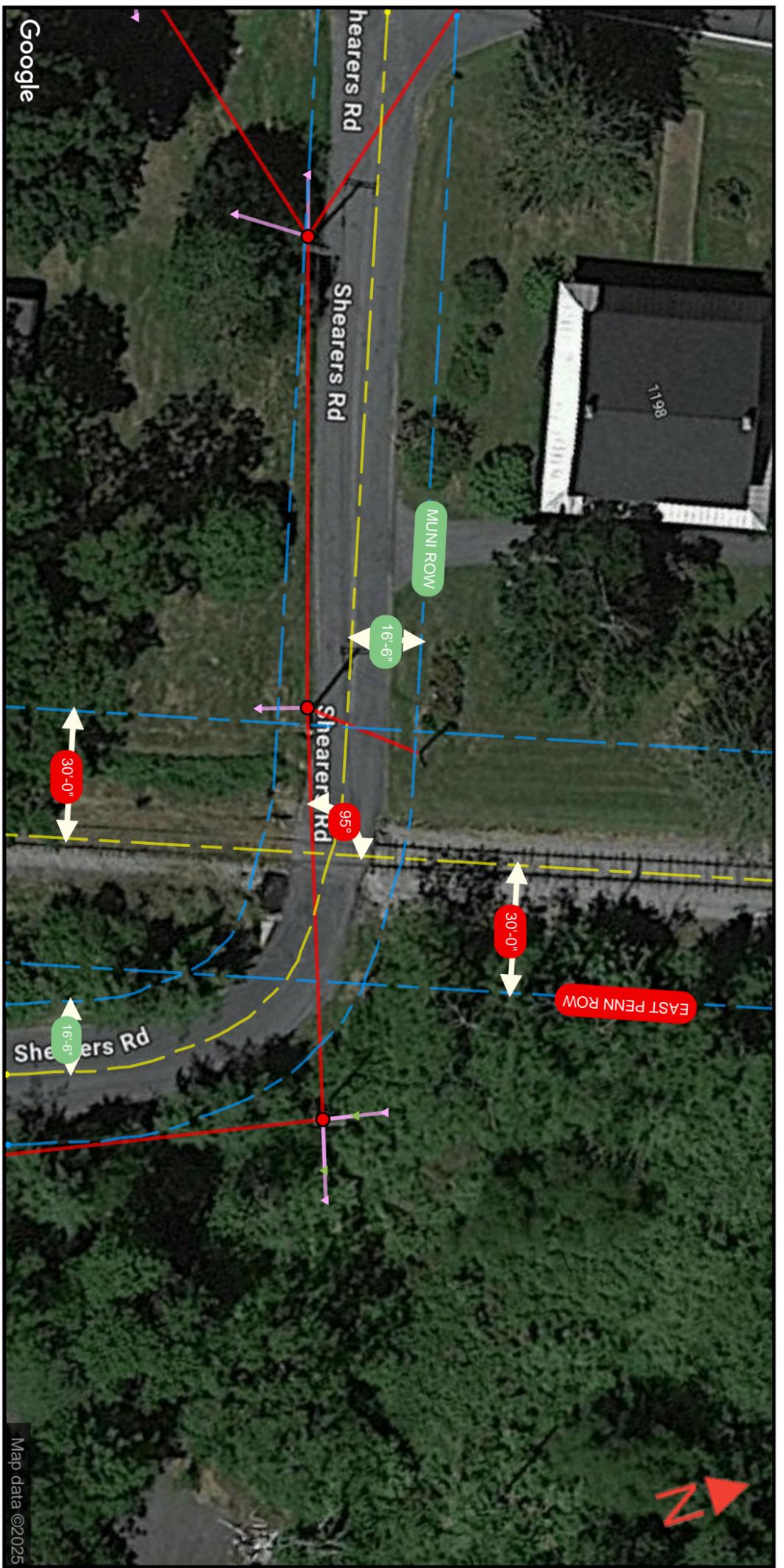
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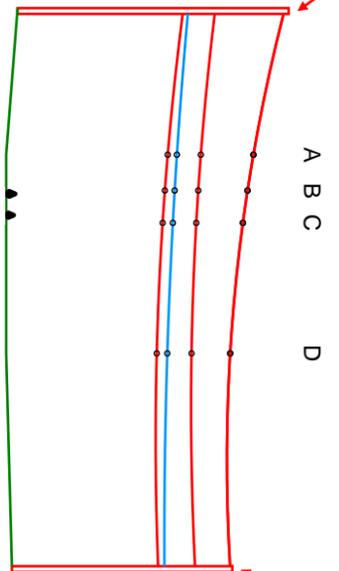
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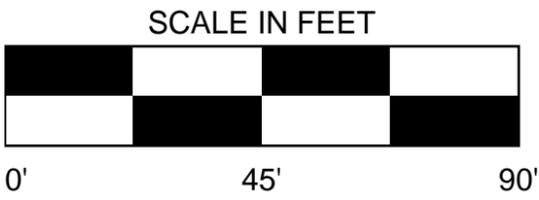


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 > REPLACE 45-3 POLE WITH 55B-4LDE POLE USING 7.5' BURIED DEPTH  
 > ENSURE LOW POWER FACILITIES AT OR ABOVE 34'-0"  
 > INSTALL DOUBLE MEGA VANG BEARING 16° (NE) WITH TOP BOLT AT 29'-6"

< 46744535197  
 < 40.2875986, -76.0738540  
 < INSTALL GROUND ROD AND  
 BOND NEUTRAL TO GROUND



CABLES	WIRE SPEC	A		B		C		D	
		EXISTING	PROPOSED	EXISTING	PROPOSED	EXISTING	PROPOSED	EXISTING	PROPOSED
Primary (2)	2 ACSR (6/1)	35'-7"	43'-5"	34'-11"	42'-1"	35'-2"	41'-9"	34'-11"	39'-0"
Neutral	2 ACSR (6/1)	29'-10"	34'-2"	29'-7"	33'-6"	29'-10"	33'-5"	30'-2"	32'-5"
Proposed Fiber Optic Com		--	29'-8"	--	29'-3"	--	29'-2"	--	28'-8"
Telco Com		25'-1"	28'-2"	24'-10"	27'-8"	24'-11"	27'-6"	24'-11"	26'-6"



- Right of way line
- Center line
- Aerial
- \* RxR Signal
- ▲ Anchor
- ▲ New Anchor
- Pole

<b>FILENAME: EXHIBIT A</b>	TITLE: 308728	: Spring Township	PREPARED BY:
	PROJECT NO:	COUNTY: Berks County	  PPL Electric Utilities
	PRINT NO: 1	STATE: Pennsylvania	
	NO. OF PRINTS: 1	DATE: 27-03-2025	
	ENGINEERED BY: KATAPULT	DRAWN BY:	