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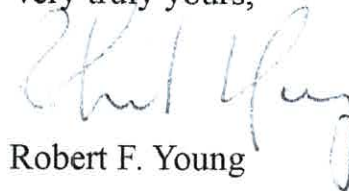
Re: Raymond Bruner v. Peoples Natural Gas Company LLC and
Diversified Energy
Petition for *Ex Parte* Emergency Order

Dear Secretary Homsher:

Attached for filing with the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission is Mr. Bruner's Petition for *Ex Parte* Emergency Order.

As evidenced by the attached Certificate of Service, all necessary parties to this proceeding are being duly served with a copy of this document.

Very truly yours,



Robert F. Young

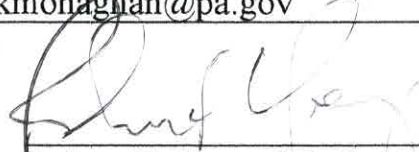
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I hereby certify that I am this day serving a true copy of the foregoing Petition for *Ex Parte* Emergency Order upon the Respondents and others listed below in accordance with the requirements of 52 Pa. Code Sections 1.54 (relating to service by a participant).

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**BEFORE THE
PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

Raymond Bruner, Petitioner	:	P-2026-_____
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v.	:	
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Peoples Natural Gas Company LLC, Respondent	:	
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Diversified Energy, Respondent	:	
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PETITION FOR *EX PARTE* EMERGENCY ORDER

Now comes Petitioner, Raymond Bruner, by and through counsel, Robert F. Young, Esq., PC LLC, pursuant to Section 3.1 of the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission’s (“PUC”) regulations, 52 Pa. Code §3.1, who files this Petition for *Ex Parte* Emergency Order, and provides the following verified statements of fact:

PARTIES

1. Petitioner is Raymond Bruner, who resides on a farm in Indiana County, Pennsylvania with his 83 year old mother, Joyce Bruner, at 3173 Clarksburg Road, Clarksburg, Pennsylvania 15725.
2. Respondent Peoples Natural Gas Company LLC (“Peoples”) is a certificated natural gas distribution company in Pennsylvania with its principal place of business at 375 North Shore Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15212.
3. Respondent Diversified Energy (“Diversified”) is a registered Pipeline Operator at Docket No. A-2022-3025161, with its principal Pennsylvania place of business at 125 Industry Road, Waynesburg, PA 15370. Diversified is subject to the PUC’s jurisdiction under the Gas and Hazardous Liquids Pipelines Act, Act 127 of 2011.

BACKGROUND

4. Diversified operates two conventional natural gas wells and pipelines on the Bruner property. The Bruner farm receives a natural gas allotment pursuant to a gas lease and farm tap with Diversified.

5. Peoples operates several natural gas pipelines on and around the Bruner property. These pipelines have an extensive leak history as shown on Attachment 1.

6. Until February 16, 2026, Diversified provided natural gas to Peoples at Peoples meters on the Bruner property.

7. On or about August 29, 2024, Mr. Bruner reported a leak on Peoples line to Peoples and to the PUC's Gas Safety Division. When Peoples' line was shut down for repairs, Mr. Bruner continued to receive natural gas from his farm tap with Diversified.

8. On or about November 26, 2024, Raymond Bruner and Joyce Bruner filed a formal complaint *pro se* against Peoples at Docket No. C-2024-3052407. The undersigned entered his appearance for the Bruners on July 24, 2025. The Bruner Complaint is currently in mediation.

9. Peoples has expressed a willingness to abandon its pipelines on the Bruner property.

THE EMERGENCY

10. On Monday, February 16, 2026, Mr. Bruner observed Peoples' contractors on his property working on Peoples lines. Peoples had not provided any notice to Bruner or his counsel that Peoples would be working on the Bruner property.

11. At approximately 2 pm on Monday, February 16, 2026, Mr. Bruner discovered that he had no natural gas in his home. He and his mother use natural gas for heating, hot water and cooking.

12. Upon information and belief, Peoples and/or its contractors directed Diversified to cut and cap Diversified's line at the well, rather than downstream of the Bruner farm tap.

THE STANDARDS FOR *EX PARTE* EMERGENCY RELIEF ARE MET

13. This is a true emergency as it involves “[a] situation which presents a clear and present danger to life or property or which is uncontested and requires action prior to the next scheduled public meeting.” 52 Pa Code § 3.1.

14. Pursuant to 52 Pa. Code § 3.2, the requirements for *ex parte* emergency relief are:

- (1) The petitioner’s right to relief is clear.
- (2) The need for relief is immediate.
- (3) The injury would be irreparable if relief is not granted.
- (4) The relief requested is not injurious to the public interest.

15. Mr. Bruner’s right to relief is clear. As shown by the 2024 leak repair, Peoples line is not needed to serve the Bruners.

16. Mr. Bruner’s need for relief is immediate. It is the middle of February in rural Indiana County. The temperatures are unseasonably mild this week but the forecasts show lows near or below freezing by this weekend.

17. Mr. Bruner’s injuries are irreparable as he has no gas to heat his home and does not have the resources to relocate himself and his mother to a motel.

18. The relief requested is not injurious to the public interest because the relief specified below simply returns the Peoples and Diversified facilities on the Bruner property to their pre-existing state as of February 15, 2026.

REQUESTED RELIEF

19. Mr. Bruner requests the Commission to order the following relief:

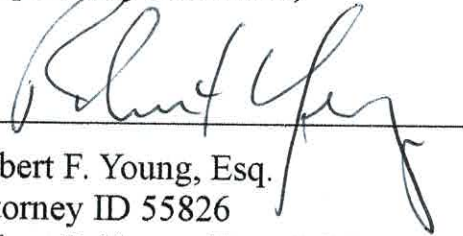
a. Order Peoples and Diversified to return their facilities on the Bruner property to the state of those facilities as they existed on February 15, 2026 by no later than 4 pm on February 20, 2026.

b. Order Peoples to provide at least 48 hours notice to Mr. Bruner and the undersigned of any work to be performed by Peoples and/or Peoples contractors on the Bruner property.

c. Order Peoples to restore the Bruner property within 10 days of the completion of any work performed on the property.

THEREFORE, Petitioner Raymond Bruner respectfully requests this Honorable Commission to grant this Petition for *Ex Parte* Emergency Order and enter an Order granting the relief sought herein.

Respectfully submitted,

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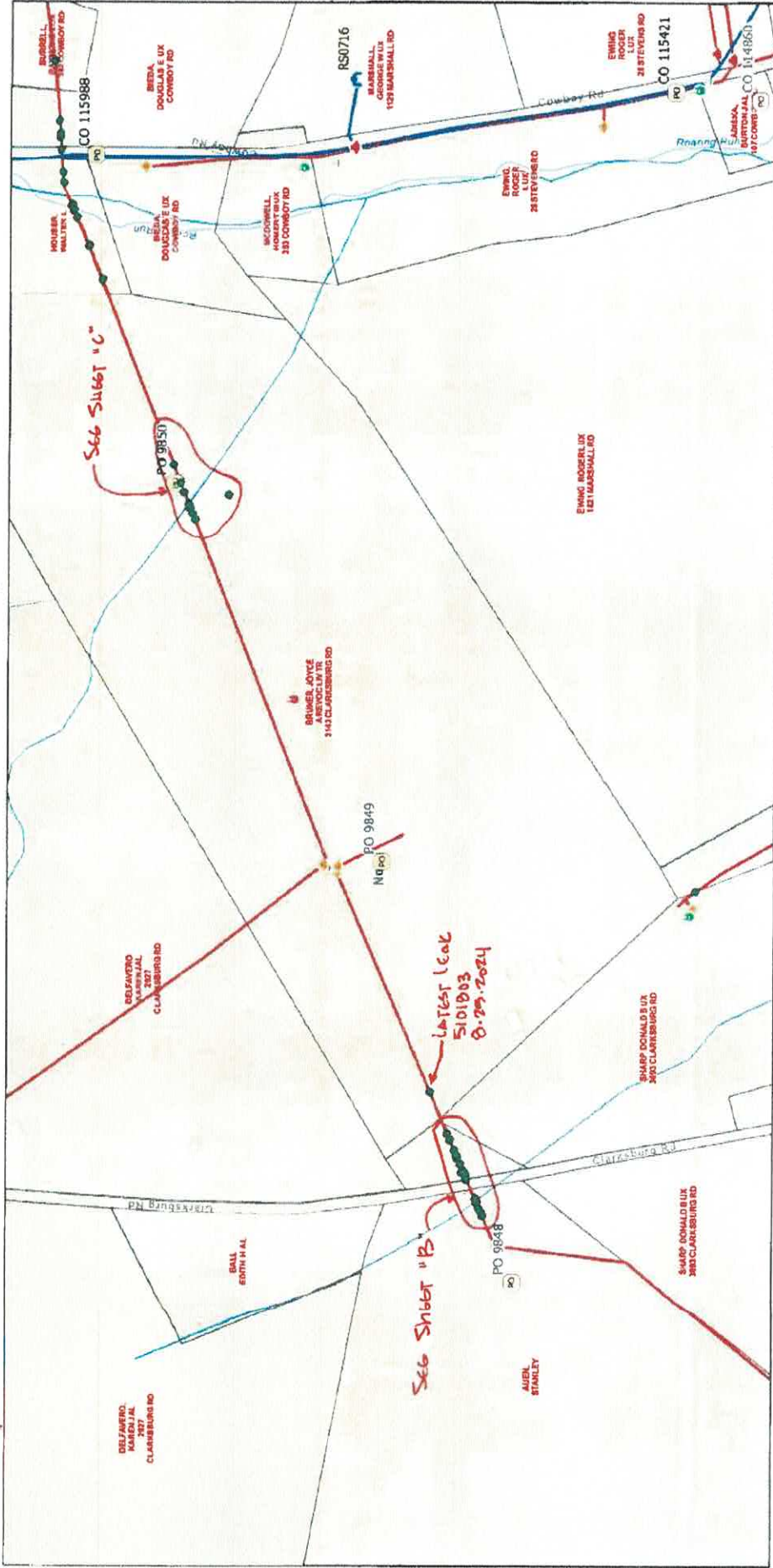
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Attachment 1

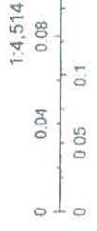
Leak History - Sheet "A"

Leak 5101803 - Roy Bruner Complaint



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- Gas Leaks Repaired PTWP
 - Repaired
- Gas Leaks Repaired PNG
 - Repaired
- All Meters
 - Active - Meter in billing
 - Yard
- Service Line Only - Meter Pulled
- Gas Purchase Meter
- PTWP Gas Valves
 - Critical
 - Non-Critical
- PNG Gas Valves
 - Critical
 - Non-Critical
- PTWP Regulator Station
- Regulating Station
- Test Point
- Annual Pipe To Soil
- PTWP Pipe
 - Bare Steel -1
 - Coated Steel -3
- PNG Pipe
 - Bare Steel -1
 - Bare Steel Text
- Parcels
- Historic Streams 2004
- Operating Area



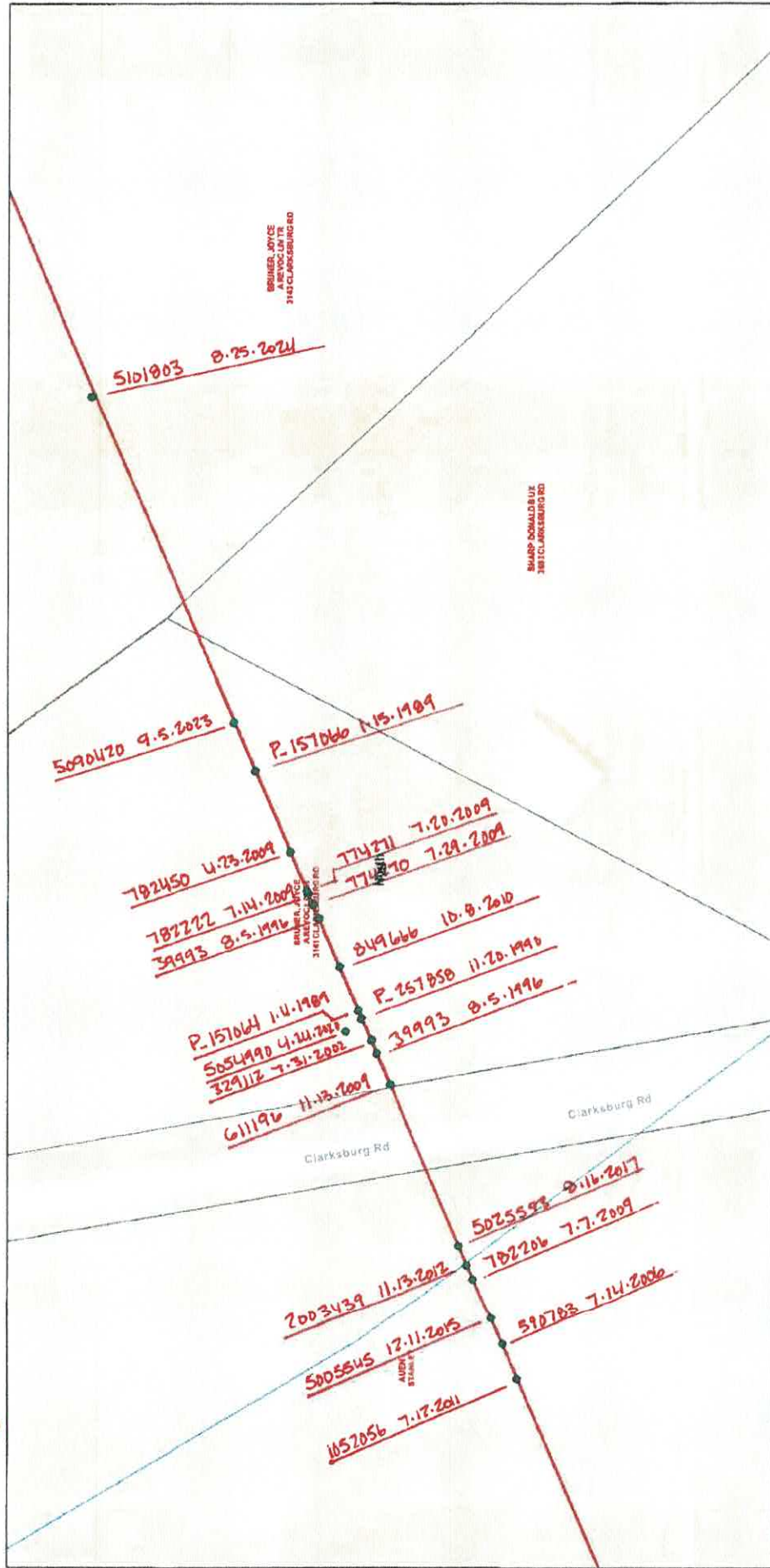
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Leak History - Sheet "B"

Leak 5101803 - Roy Bruner Complaint



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Gas Leaks Repaired PNG Pipe

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- PNG Gas Valves
- Non-Critical
- Bare Steel -1
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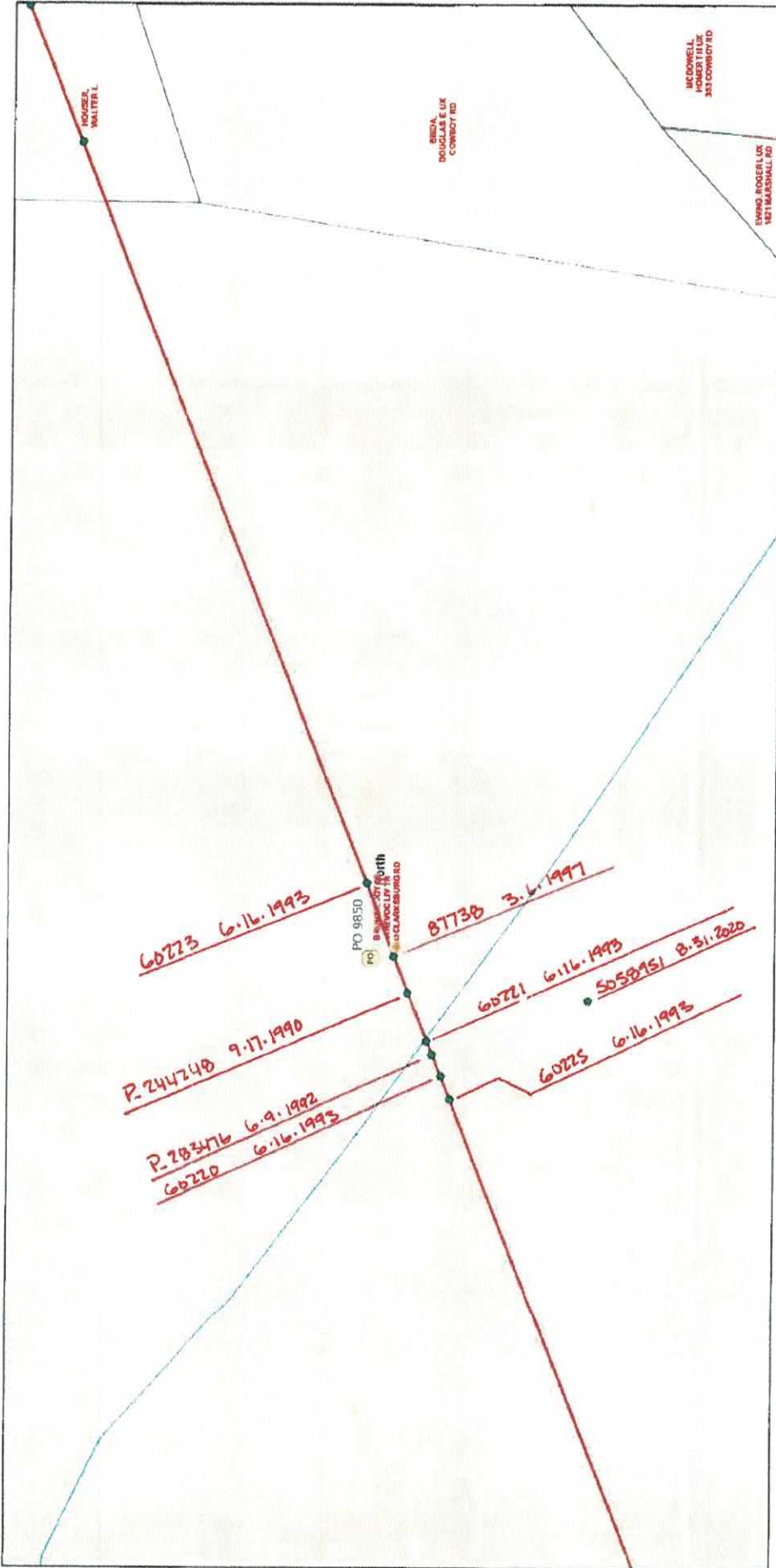
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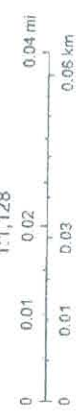
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- Non-Critical
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- PNG Pipe
- Bare Steel -1
- Parcels
- Historic Streams 2004
- Operating Area



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VERIFICATION

Docket No. P-2026-_____

I, Raymond Bruner, hereby state that the facts above set forth 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).

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Raymond Bruner

2/18/2026

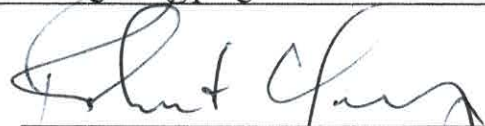
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