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March 5, 2026

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TO ALL PARTIES OF RECORD

Application of the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation for approval to alter the public crossing (DOT 361 207 C) by the installation of new, pre-empted, active traffic control devices and a new crossing surface where State Route 0187 crosses, at grade, a track of R.J. Corman Railroad Company in Wysox Township, Bradford County and the allocation of costs incident thereto.

To Whom It May Concern:

This matter is before us, by reason of an application filed December 18, 2025, by Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (Department) seeking Commission approval to alter the public at-grade crossing (DOT 361 207 C) by the installation of new, pre-empted, active traffic control devices and a new crossing surface where State Route (S.R.) 0187 crosses, at grade, a track of R.J. Corman Railroad Company (R.J. Corman) in Wysox Township, Bradford County and the allocation of costs incident thereto.

Upon receipt of the application, a field investigation and conference was arranged by a Commission staff engineer and held on February 4, 2026, at the site of the crossing. All parties were notified by letter via electronic mail sent on January 13, 2026, of the date and time of the field conference. Representatives of the Department, R.J. Corman, Frontier Communications Corporation, Stiffler McGraw, and Wysox Township were in attendance. Comcast Cable Communications, Pennsylvania Electric Company, Valley Energy, Inc. and Bradford County were notified of the time and place of the meeting but did not attend.

At the existing crossing, S.R. 0187 is a two-lane bituminous asphalt roadway without curbs or sidewalks. The roadway crosses, at grade, a single track of R.J. Corman and consists of an asphalt crossing surface. The average daily traffic for S.R. 0187 was reported as 3,283 vehicles with 15% trucks.

The existing warning facilities at the crossing consist of flashing-light railroad warning signals, gates, bell, Advance Grade Crossing Warning (W10-1) signs, and pavement markings on both approaches to the crossing and two (2) Do Not Stop On Tracks (R8-8) signs with one on the north-bound approach and one mounted to the post-mounted flashing light assembly. The pavement marking and stop line on north-bound crossing approach were very faded. There is a post-mounted “Adopt a Highway Litter Control Next 2 Miles” sign along the north-bound approach to the crossing that obstructs the view of the warning signals. According to the Federal Railroad Administration's crossing inventory data, the subject crossing has a total of seven (7) train movements per day at a maximum timetable speed of 30 miles per hour.

There is a signalized intersection approximately 250 feet north of the subject crossing. The intersecting roadways are S.R. 0187, with a north-south alignment, and U.S. Route 6 (S.R. 0006), with an east-west alignment. The existing traffic signal at this intersection does not have railroad preemption from the subject crossing.

At the field conference, the Department described the proposed work. The project will be done at the Department’s sole cost and expense. R.J. Corman will (1) remove the two existing flashing warning signals and gates, (2) install a new cantilever flashing-light warning signals and a gate on the south-bound approach to the crossing, (3) install a new post-mounted flashing-light warning signals with a gate and bell on the north-bound approach to the crossing, (4) provide the railroad preemption interconnect to a junction box, (5) remove the existing asphalt crossing surface, (6) install a new asphalt and rubber rail seal crossing surface in a smooth and satisfactory condition for the full width of the roadway and shoulders.

The Department will (1) upgrade the traffic signal at the intersection of S.R. 0187 and U.S. Route 6 (S.R. 0006) with railroad preemption from the subject crossing, (2) install a new junction box near the subject crossing for the preemption interconnect; and (3) provide a cable from the junction box to the traffic signal control box at the intersection of S.R. 0187 and U.S. Route 6 (S.R. 0006) and (4) relocate the “Adopt a Highway Litter Control Next 2 Miles” sign as to not obstruct the view of the warning signals.

The Department, at its sole cost and expense, will submit detailed roadway construction plans, including traffic signal plans with railroad preemption, to all parties of record for review.

Funding for the railroad safety project is 100% state funds. The estimated total cost for the project described above is \$530,000.00.

R.J. Corman agreed to maintain its warning facilities at the subject crossing including the automatically operated flashing-light warning signals, gates and all appurtenant equipment, and to maintain at all times in a smooth and satisfactory condition the asphalt and rubber rail seal crossing surface.

The Department, at its sole cost and expense, will maintain the advanced warning signs, stop lines and pavement markings, and a Do Not Stop On Tracks (R8-8) sign on the north-bound approach to the crossing.

Wysox Township, at its sole cost and expense, will maintain the highway traffic signals at the intersection of S.R. 0187 and U.S. Route 6 (S.R. 0006) including the railroad pre-emption timing.

The Commission hereby establishes its jurisdictional limits at the subject crossing as the area within the confines of the railroad right-of-way and the highway right-of-way along S.R. 0187 and extending along the highway right-of-way to include the intersection of S.R. 0187 and U.S. Route 6 (S.R. 0006).

The Commission has exclusive jurisdiction in crossing alterations and is the final arbiter of any fees associated with a crossing application. Any conditions, including fees associated with a crossing application must be approved by the Commission.

Upon full consideration of the matters involved and inasmuch as no objection has been filed with the Commission, we find that a Secretarial Letter can be issued approving the application without a formal hearing.

The Commission issues this Secretarial Letter in accordance with Section 2702 of the Public Utility Code and finds that the alteration of the subject crossing is necessary and proper for the service, accommodation, convenience or safety of the public.

The application of Pennsylvania Department of Transportation is approved as herein directed:

1. The caption of the subject proceeding is hereby revised as shown herein.
2. The public at-grade crossing (DOT 361 207 C) where State Route 0187 crosses, at grade, a track of R.J. Corman Railroad Company in Wysox Township, Bradford County, be altered as herein directed.
3. Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, at its sole cost and expense and prior to the start of construction, shall submit detailed construction plans, including traffic signal plans with railroad preemption at the intersection of S.R. 0187 and U.S. Route 6 (State Route 0006) to all parties of record for review and to the Commission for approval.

4. Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, at its sole cost and expense, furnish all material and do all work necessary to alter the subject crossing by (1) upgrading the traffic signal at the intersection of State Route 0187 and U.S. Route 6 (State Route 0006) with railroad preemption from the subject crossing, (2) install a new junction box near the subject crossing for the preemption interconnect, (3) provide a cable from the junction box to the traffic signal control box at the intersection of State Route 0187 and U.S. Route 6 (State Route 0006), and (4) relocate the “Adopt a Highway Litter Control Next 2 Miles” sign as to not obstruct the view of the warning signals; all in accordance with the approved plans, Part 8 of the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices and this Secretarial Letter.

5. R.J. Corman Railroad Company, at the sole cost and expense of Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, furnish all material and do all work necessary to alter the subject crossing by (1) removing the existing flashing warning signals and gates, (2) installing a new cantilever flashing-light warning signals and a gate on the south-bound approach to the crossing, (3) installing a new post-mounted flashing-light warning signals with a gate and bell on the north-bound approach to the crossing, (4) providing railroad preemption interconnect to the junction box, (5) removing the existing asphalt crossing surface, (6) installing a new asphalt and rubber rail seal crossing surface in a smooth and satisfactory condition for the full width of the roadway and shoulders; all in accordance with the approved plans, Part 8 of the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices and this Secretarial Letter.

6. Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, at its sole cost and expense, furnish all material and do all work necessary to establish and maintain any detours or traffic controls at the subject crossing that may be required to properly and safely accommodate highway and pedestrian traffic during the time the crossing is being altered.

7. R.J. Corman Railroad Company, at the sole cost and expense of Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, furnish all material and perform all work necessary to furnish any watchmen, flagmen, inspectors, and/or engineering services that may be deemed necessary to protect the railroad’s operations or facilities during the time the facilities are being installed.

8. Any relocation of, changes in and/or removal of any adjacent structures, equipment or other facilities of any non-carrier public utility company or municipal authority located within the limits of the Commission’s jurisdiction, which may be required as incidental to the execution of the proposed project, be made by said public utility, at its initial cost and expense and in such manner as will not interfere with construction of the project.

9. Any relocation of, changes in and/or removal of any adjacent structures, equipment or other facilities of any non-carrier public utility company or municipal authority located in private right-of-way within the limits of the Commission's jurisdiction, which may be required as incidental to the execution of the crossing project, be made by said public utility or municipal authority and in such manner as will not interfere with the project.

10. All parties involved herein cooperate fully with each other so that during the time the work is being performed, vehicular, pedestrian and railroad traffic will not be endangered or unnecessarily inconvenienced and so that the requirements of each of the parties will be provided for and accommodated insofar as possible.

11. Pennsylvania Department of Transportation notify all parties of record at least ten (10) days prior to performing any work in accordance with this Secretarial Letter.

12. All work necessary to complete the alteration of the subject crossing be done in a manner satisfactory to this Commission on or before December 31, 2028, and that on or before said date, Pennsylvania Department of Transportation report the date of actual completion of the work.

13. Pennsylvania Department of Transportation pay all compensation for damages due to the owners of any property taken, injured or destroyed by reason of the alteration of the subject crossing in accordance with this Secretarial Letter.

14. Upon completion of construction of the project, R.J. Corman Railroad Company, at its sole cost and expense, furnish all material and perform all work necessary thereafter to maintain its railroad facilities at the crossing, including the automatically operated flashing-light warning signals, and all appurtenant equipment, and to maintain at all times in a smooth and satisfactory condition the railroad crossing surfaces located between the rails and for a distance of twenty-four (24) inches beyond the rails; all in accordance with Part 8 of the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices and this Secretarial Letter, and provide Pennsylvania Department of Transportation and Wysox Township at least ten (10) business days advance notice when performing any work that may affect their facilities, as directed by this paragraph.

15. Upon completion of construction of the project, Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, at its sole cost and expense, furnish all material and do all work necessary to maintain the highway approaches to the subject crossing to points twenty-four (24) inches beyond each outside rail and, in addition, maintain the Grade Crossing Advance Warning (W10-1) signs, stop lines and pavement markings on the approaches thereto and the Do Not Stop On Tracks (R8-8) sign on the north-bound crossing approach, all in accordance with Part 8 of the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices and this Secretarial Letter, and provide R.J. Corman Railroad Company and Wysox Township at least ten (10) business days advance notice when performing any work that may affect their facilities, as directed by this paragraph.

16. Upon completion of construction of the project, Wysox Township, at its sole cost and expense, furnish all material and do all work necessary thereafter to maintain the highway traffic signal and traffic signal control box at the intersection of State Route 0187 and U.S. Route 6 (State Route 0006), maintain the cable from the junction box to the traffic signal control box, in a safe and satisfactory condition.

17. Upon completion of the work herein directed, Wysox Township, at its sole cost and expense, shall maintain and shall annually inspect the traffic signal at the intersection of State Route 0187 and U.S. Route 6 (State Route 0006), the traffic signal control box and the cable from the junction boxes to the traffic signal control box to ensure that the timing and preemption operation of the signal system is functioning as designed. Wysox Township shall contact R.J. Corman Railroad Company and arrange for railroad personnel to activate the railroad crossing warning system to accommodate the required inspection. Wysox Township shall report any operational problems that cannot be corrected during the annual inspection to both the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation and the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission.

18. Upon completion of the work herein directed, and upon written request from any party of record, this proceeding be scheduled for a hearing at a time and place to be determined by the Commission, for the purpose of taking testimony upon the final allocation of any costs incurred by the non-carrier utility companies and other matters relevant to this proceeding.

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