

1. <u>REPORT DATE:</u>	March 22, 1985	:	2. <u>BUREAU AGENDA NO.</u>
3. <u>BUREAU:</u>	Rail Transportation	:	APR-85-TR-131*
4. <u>SECTION(S):</u>		:	5. <u>PUBLIC MEETING DATE:</u>
6. <u>APPROVED BY:</u>		:	April 18, 1985
Director:	Peteritas 3-5941	:	
Supervisor:		:	
7. <u>MONITOR:</u>	Commissioner Shane	:	
8. <u>PERSON IN CHARGE:</u>		:	
	Calder 7-5648	:	
9. <u>DOCKET NO:</u>		:	
	A-00105535	:	
10. (a) <u>CAPTION</u> (abbreviate if more than 4 lines)			
(b) Short summary of history & facts, documents & briefs			
(c) Recommendation			

(a) APPLICATION OF CONSOLIDATED RAIL CORPORATION FOR APPROVAL OF THE ALTERATION OF THE AT GRADE, ABOVE GRADE AND BELOW GRADE CROSSINGS OF ITS TRACKS IN PERRY, JUNIATA, MIFFLIN, HUNTINGDON AND BLAIR COUNTIES.

(b) There were no objections to the alteration of the crossings by any party in interest. The railroad company agrees to perform all work required to alter the crossings, by the removal of certain tracks therefrom, at its sole cost and expense.

(c) The Bureau of Rail Transportation recommends that the Commission approve the application and that an order be issued directing the alteration of the crossings, at the railroad company's sole cost and expense, without a formal hearing.

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11. MOTION BY: Commissioner Chm. Taliaferro Commissioner Cawley - Yes
Commissioner Fischl - Yes
SECONDED: Commissioner Shane Commissioner

CONTENT OF MOTION: Staff recommendation adopted.

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COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
P. O. BOX 3265, HARRISBURG, Pa. 17120

April 24, 1985

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TO ALL PARTIES
(See attached list)

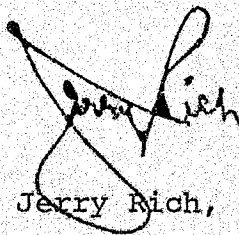
Application of Consolidated Rail Corporation for approval of the alteration of the crossings, at grade, above grade or below grade, by removal of the tracks of said Corporation where they cross public highways at 46 locations, in Perry, Juniata, Mifflin, Huntingdon and Blair Counties.

To Whom It May Concern:

This is to advise you that an Order has been adopted by the Commission in Public Meeting on April 18, 1985, in the above entitled proceeding.

A copy of this Order has been enclosed for your records.

Very truly yours,



Jerry Rich, Secretary

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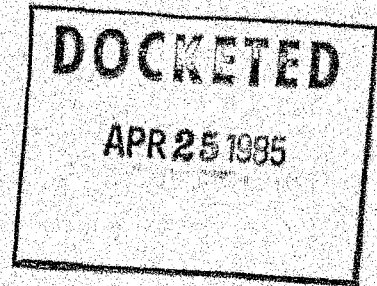
Public Meeting held April 18, 1985

Commissioners Present:

Linda C. Taliaferro, Chairman
James H. Cawley
Frank Fischl
Bill Shane

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BY THE COMMISSION:

At 46 locations in the Counties of Perry, Juniata, Mifflin, Huntingdon and Blair, the tracks of Consolidated Rail Corporation cross public highways at grade, above grade and below grade.

In this application, the railroad company (Conrail) seeks Commission approval to alter the crossings involved herein by the removal of one track therefrom. With respect to the at-grade crossings, Conrail proposes to remove the rails, ties and other track materials, and to repave the highway disturbed within the legal limits of the crossings with suitable material, at its sole cost and expense. In regard to the crossings below and above the grade of the railroad tracks, Conrail proposes to remove the rails, ties and other track materials, and requests that the substructure and superstructure of the bridges be left in place to accommodate the public highway and the railroad tracks which will remain in the crossings. Upon completion of the work involving alteration of a crossing by removal of an outside track therefrom, Conrail seeks relief from any future maintenance of the portion of the highway formerly occupied by the railroad track.

A field conference was arranged by a Commission Staff Engineer and held at the site of the crossings. All parties of record were notified of the conference and representatives of the following entities were in attendance:



Consolidated Rail Corporation
 Pennsylvania Department of Transportation
 Borough of Mount Union
 Milford Township
 Tyrone Township
 United Telephone Company

Although notified by letter dated August 24, 1984, there were no representatives of Perry County, Juniata County, Mifflin County, Huntingdon County, Blair County, Borough of Duncannon, Wheatfield Township, Miller Township, Borough of Newport, Tuscarora Township, Borough of Thompsett, Turbett Township, Granville Township, Bratton Township, Wayne Township, Borough of Mapleton, Henderson Township, Borough of Huntingdon, Logan Township, Porter Township, Spruce Creek Township, Tyrone Township, Snyder Township, Bell Telephone Company of Pennsylvania or Pennsylvania Electric Company in attendance at the conference.

A list of the crossings and their locations follows:

<u>No.</u>	<u>Highway Route</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>AAR No.</u>
<u>PERRY COUNTY</u>			
1.	Ann Street (RR overhead)	Duncannon Borough	506 572 C
2.	Broadway Street (RR overhead)	Duncannon Borough	506 573 J
3.	Cherry Street (RR overhead)	Duncannon Borough	506 574 R
4.	Market Street (RR overhead)	Duncannon Borough	506 575 X
5.	T.R. 849 (RR overhead)	Wheatfield Township	506 576 E
6.	U.S.T.R. 11 - 15 (HWY overhead)	Wheatfield Township	506 577 L
7.	TWP RD 347 (At-grade)	Wheatfield Township	506 578 T
8.	TWP RD 440 (At-grade)	Miller Township	506 581 B
9.	S.H.R. 50002 (Market Street) (RR overhead)	Newport Borough	506 598 E

<u>No.</u>	<u>Highway Route</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>AAR No.</u>
10.	Borough Street (RR overhead)	Newport Borough	506 597 X
11.	T.R. 17 (HWY overhead)	Tuscarora Township	506 594 C
<u>JUNIATA COUNTY</u>			
12.	T.R. 333 (HWY overhead)	Thompsontown Borough	506 592 N
13.	TWP RD 378 (RR overhead)	Turbett Township	506 589 F
14.	T.R. 75 (HWY overhead)	Milford Township	506 587 S
15.	TWP RD 370 (At-grade)	Milford Township	506 586 K
16.	T.R. 35 (HWY overhead)	Milford Township	506 585 D
<u>MIFFLIN COUNTY</u>			
17.	T.R. 103 (HWY overhead)	Granville Township	506 432 A
18.	Elizabeth Street (At-grade)	Granville Township	506 418 E
18A.	TWP RD 311 (RR overhead)	Granville Township	None
19.	TWP RD 708 (At-grade)	Granville Township	506 421 H
20.	TWP RD 335 (At-grade)	Granville Township	506 419 L
21.	TWP RD 307 (At-grade)	Granville Township	506 424 H
22.	S.H.R. 44040 (At-grade)	Bratton Township	506 427 D
23.	T.R. 103 (At-grade)	Bratton Township	506 430 L

<u>No.</u>	<u>Highway Route</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>AAR No.</u>
24.	S.H.R. 44001 (RR overhead)	Wayne Township	506 462 S
25.	F.A.S. 603 (RR overhead)	Wayne Township	506 463 Y
<u>HUNTINGTON COUNTY</u>			
26.	North Division Street (RR overhead)	Mount Union Borough	506 470 J
27.	U.S.T.R. 522 (RR overhead)	Mount Union Borough	506 469 P
28.	T.R. 655 (RR overhead)	Mapleton Borough	506 538 V
29.	T.R. 829 (At-grade)	Henderson Township	506 534 T
30.	TWP RD 443 (At-grade)	Henderson Township	506 532 E
31.	U.S.T.R. 22 (HWY overhead)	Henderson Township	506 530 R
32.	A135 (At-grade)	Huntingdon Borough	506 529 W
33.	T.R. 26 (RR overhead)	Huntington Borough	506 528 P
34.	TWP RD 492 At-grade	Logan Township	506 527 H
35.	T.R. 305 (HWY overhead)	Logan Township	506 526 B
36.	S.H.R. 31051 At-grade	Porter Township	506 523 F
37.	T.R. 45 (HWY overhead)	Spruce Creek Township	506 522 Y
38.	S.H.R. 31057 (RR overhead)	Spruce Creek Township	506 521 S

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39.	S.H.R. 31061 (At-grade)	Spruce Creek Township	506 520 K
40.	TWP RD 601 (RR overhead)	Spruce Creek Township	506 519 R
41.	T.R. 453 (HWY overhead)	Spruce Creek Township	506 367 W
41A.	TWP RD 519 (RR overhead)	Warriors Mark Township	None

BLAIR COUNTY

41B.	TWP RD 512 (RR overhead)	Tyrone Township	None
42.	S.H.R. 07030 (RR overhead)	Tyrone Township	506 364 B
43.	S.H.R. 07055 (RR overhead)	Snyder Township	506 363 U
44.	S.H.R. 07054 (RR overhead)	Snyder Township	506 362 M
45.	TWP RD 519 (At-grade)	Snyder Township	506 361 F
45A.	U.S.T.R. 220 (HWY overhead)	Snyder Township	507 729 J
46.	TWP RD 515 (At-grade)	Snyder Township	506 359 E

There were no objections by any party of record to the removal of the tracks from the railroad-highway crossings. At Crossing No. 7, the crossbuck signs should be relocated and the paving on the east side of the center track should be extended to conform with the width of the crossing. At Crossing No. 8, the crossbuck signs should be relocated. At Crossings Nos. 19, 29, 32 and 39, the flashing light signals should be relocated closer to the remaining tracks, and the crossing pavement extended as necessary to conform with the adjacent highway width. At Crossing No. 36, the flashing light signals should be relocated closer to the remaining tracks, and the northerly approach to the crossing should be lowered to alter the vertical profile adjacent to the remaining main track, to reduce the possibility of highway equipment being trapped on the railroad tracks.

Inasmuch as there were no objections by any party of record to the alteration of the railroad-highway crossings included herein by the removal of tracks therefrom, and inasmuch as Conrail requests issuance of an order approving the alteration of the crossings, so as to permit the railroad company to initiate removal of unnecessary tracks, it appears that an order can be issued altering the crossings, without the need of a formal hearing.

The record having been certified to this Commission, we issue this order approving the alteration of the railroad-highway crossings pursuant to Section 335(a) of the Public Utility Code (66 Pa. C.S. §335(a)), and find that the alteration of the crossings is necessary and proper for the service, accommodation, convenience or safety of the public; THEREFORE,

IT IS ORDERED:

1. That the application be and is hereby approved, to the extent hereinafter ordered.

2. That the railroad-highway crossings, at grade, above grade and below grade, indicated on the list contained herein, located on Consolidated Rail Corporation's Main Line, situated in the Boroughs of Duncannon and Newport, and the Townships of Wheatfield, Miller and Tuscarora, in Perry County in the Borough of Thompsontown and the Townships of Turbett and Milford, in Juniata County; in the Townships of Granville, Bratton and Wayne, in Mifflin County; in the Boroughs of Mount Union, Mapleton and Huntington, and the Townships of Henderson, Logan, Porter, Spruce Creek and Warriors Mark, in Huntington County; and in the Townships of Tyrone and Snyder, in Blair County, be altered, in accordance with the application filed with the Commission on June 7, 1984 by the railroad company.

3. That Consolidated Rail Corporation, at its sole cost and expense, furnish all material and do all work necessary to alter the railroad-highway crossings, by removal of the rails, ties and other track facilities therefrom, and to restore the area of the highways disturbed by the track removal with bituminous concrete or other suitable material, in compliance with local municipality criteria or Department of Transportation's scope of work, attached to its letter dated October 1, 1984.

4. That Consolidated Rail Corporation, at its sole cost and expense, furnish all material and do all work necessary to relocate the crossbuck signs and extend the crossing paving of the middle track to conform with the width of the crossing, at Crossing No. 7; to relocate the crossbuck signs at Crossing No. 8; to extend the crossing paving as necessary to conform with the adjacent highway widths, and to relocate the flashing light signals and/or highway gates to a proper position on

each side of the remaining tracks, in accordance with the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices and the Railroad-Highway Grade Crossing Handbook (FHWA - TS - 78 - 214), at Crossings Nos. 19, 29, 32 and 39; and to modify the northerly approach to the crossing in the area of the removed track, to improve the unsatisfactory vertical profile adjacent to the remaining tracks and to reduce the possibility of highway equipment being trapped on the Main Line railroad tracks, and to relocate the flashing light signals to a proper position on each side of the remaining tracks, in accordance with the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices and the Railroad-Highway Grade Crossing Handbook (FHWA - TS - 78 - 214), at Crossing No. 36.

5. That Consolidated Rail Corporation, at its sole cost and expense, furnish all material and do all work necessary to establish and maintain any detours or traffic controls that may be required to accommodate properly highway traffic, during the time the at-grade crossings are being altered.

6. That Consolidated Rail Corporation notify the involved municipalities and the Department of Transportation and all other parties involved in this proceeding, by letter, at least two weeks prior to performing any work in accordance with this order.

7. That Consolidated Rail Corporation cooperate with Department of Transportation and with the municipalities herein involved, so that during the time the work is being performed within the limits of the highways, vehicular traffic will not be endangered or unnecessarily inconvenienced.

8. That any relocation of, changes in or removal of any adjacent structures, equipment or other facilities of any public utility, other than Consolidated Rail Corporation, located within the limits of the highways, which may be required as incidental to the execution of the alterations, be made by said public utility at its sole cost and expense, and in such manner as will not interfere with the alteration of the crossings; and such relocated or altered facilities thereafter be maintained by said public utility.

9. That all work necessary to complete the alteration of the railroad-highway crossings be done in a manner satisfactory to this Commission on or before December 31, 1986, and that on or before said date, Consolidated Rail Corporation report to this Commission the date of actual completion of the work; said notification to include letters of approval of said work from each of the involved government entities.

10. That Consolidated Rail Corporation pay all compensation for damages, if any, due to owners of property taken, injured or destroyed by reason of the alteration of the crossings.

11. That upon completion of the alteration of the at-grade crossing (Crossing No. 7), Township of Wheatfield, in Perry County, at its sole cost and expense, furnish all material and do all work necessary thereafter to maintain the roadway facilities in the approaches to the crossing, including the highway formerly occupied by the railroad facilities removed in accordance with this order.

12. That upon completion of the alteration of the at-grade crossing (Crossing No. 8), Township of Miller, in Perry County, at its sole cost and expense, furnish all material and do all work necessary thereafter to maintain the roadway facilities and the approaches to the crossing, including the highway formerly occupied by the railroad facilities removed in accordance with this order.

13. That upon completion of the alteration of the at-grade crossing (Crossing No. 15), Township of Mildord, in Juniata County at its sole cost and expense, furnish all material and do all work necessary thereafter to maintain the roadway facilities and the approaches to the crossing, including the highway formerly occupied by the railroad facilities removed in accordance with this order.

14. That upon completion of the alteration of the at-grade crossings (Crossings Nos. 19, 20 and 21), Township of Granville, in Mifflin County, at its sole cost and expense, furnish all material and do all work necessary thereafter to maintain the roadway facilities and the approaches to the crossings, including the highway formerly occupied by the railroad facilities removed in accordance with this order.

15. That upon completion of the alteration of the at-grade crossings (Crossings Nos. 22 and 23), Township of Bratton, in Mifflin County, at its sole cost and expense, furnish all material and do all work necessary thereafter to maintain the roadway facilities and the approaches to the crossings, including the highway formerly occupied by the railroad facilities removed in accordance with this order.

16. That upon completion of the alteration of the at-grade crossing (Crossings Nos. 29 and 30), Township of Henderson, in Huntington County, at its sole cost and expense, furnish all material and do all work necessary thereafter to maintain the roadway facilities and the approaches to the crossings, including the highway formerly occupied by the railroad facilities removed in accordance with this order.

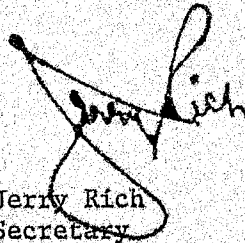
17. That upon completion of the alteration of the at-grade crossings (Crossings Nos. 32, 36 and 39), Department of Transportation, at its sole cost and expense, furnish all material and do all work necessary thereafter to maintain the roadway facilities and the approaches to the crossings, including the highway formerly occupied by the railroad facilities removed in accordance with this order.

18. That upon completion of the alteration of the at-grade crossing (Crossing No. 34), Township of Logan in Blair County, at its sole cost and expense, furnish all material and do all work necessary thereafter to maintain the roadway facilities and the approaches to the crossing, including the highway formerly occupied by the railroad facilities removed in accordance with this order.

19. That upon completion of the alteration of the at-grade crossings (Crossings Nos. 45 and 46), Township of Snyder, in Blair County, at its sole cost and expense, furnish all material and do all work necessary thereafter to maintain the roadway facilities and the approaches to the crossings, including the highway formerly occupied by the railroad facilities removed in accordance with this order.

20. That upon completion of the alteration of the railroad-highway crossings, Consolidated Rail Corporation, at its sole cost and expense, furnish all material and do all work necessary thereafter to maintain the remaining railroad facilities in the altered crossings, including the crossing paving between the tracks and between the rails, and to a point two feet beyond each outside rail, all in accordance with this order.

BY THE COMMISSION,



Jerry Rich
Secretary

(SEAL)

ORDER ADOPTED: April 18, 1985

ORDER ENTERED: APR 24 1985