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July 21, 1987

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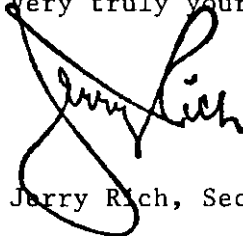
Assignment of responsibility for maintenance of rail-highway crossings carrying public off-state system highways (local highways) over and above the grade of the tracks of CSX Transportation, Inc., in sixteen municipalities, in ten counties of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

To Whom It May Concern:

This is to advise you that an Order has been adopted by the Commission in public meeting held July 16, 1987 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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PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
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1. <u>REPORT DATE:</u>	July 6, 1987	2. <u>BUREAU AGENDA NO.</u>	JUL-87-SC-RS-343*
3. <u>BUREAU:</u>	Safety & Compliance	5. <u>PUBLIC MEETING DATE:</u>	July 16, 1987
4. <u>SECTION</u>	Rail Safety		
6. <u>APPROVED BY:</u>	Director: Nicely 3-3846 Supervisor: Lehman 7-9732		
7. <u>MONITOR:</u>			
8. <u>PERSON IN CHARGE:</u>	Knerr 7-1106		
9. <u>DOCKET NO.:</u>	M-870123		
10. (a) <u>CAPTION</u> (abbreviate if more than 4 lines)			
(b) Short summary of history & facts, documents & briefs			
(c) Recommendation			

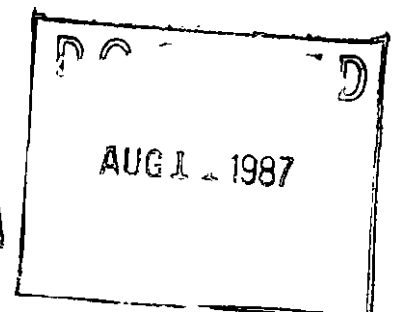
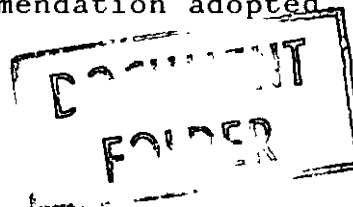
(a) Assignment of responsibility for maintenance of rail-highway crossings carrying local highways above tracks of CSX, in sixteen municipalities, in ten counties of the Commonwealth.

(b) By order adopted May 24, 1985 at I-850003, all railroads in the Commonwealth were directed to identify bridges carrying local highways. CSX Transportation identified the involved structures and acknowledged that it or others are responsible for maintenance thereof. A Tentative Decision was adopted April 2, 1987, assigning maintenance responsibility for fifteen crossing structures. Borough of Darby filed exceptions to the Tentative Decision on April 30, 1987.

(c) The Bureau of Safety and Compliance recommends that the Commission adopt an Order assigning maintenance responsibility for the fourteen crossing structures and setting this proceeding for hearing to consider exceptions filed by Borough of Darby relative to the fifteenth crossing structure.

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

CONTENT OF MOTION: Staff recommendation adopted

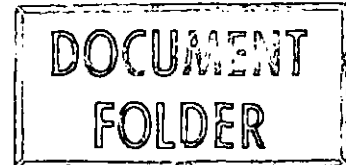


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PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Public Meeting held July 16, 1987

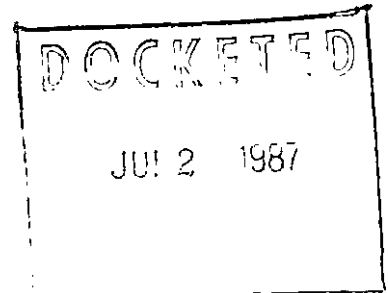
Commissioners Present:

Bill Shane, Chairman
Linda C. Taliaferro
Frank Fischl
William H. Smith



Assignment of responsibility for maintenance of rail-highway crossings carrying public off-state system highways (local highways) over and above the grade of the tracks of CSX Transportation, Inc., in sixteen municipalities, in ten counties of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

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O R D E R

BY THE COMMISSION:

This Commission adopted a Tentative Decision on April 2, 1987 (entered April 8, 1987) in the subject proceeding. Exceptions to the Tentative Decision were filed by Borough of Darby, Delaware County, and West Mahoning Township, Indiana County, on April 30, 1987. By letter received May 19, 1987, West Mahoning Township informed this Commission that it was withdrawing its exceptions.

By letter received May 12, 1987, East Franklin Township, Armstrong County, informed this Commission that although the Tentative Decision listed the posted load limit at 3 tons for the bridge carrying Limestone Hill Road (T-480) over CSX Transportation's tracks, the actual posted load limit is 10 tons. A research of Commission records indicates further that this Commission adopted an order on April 24, 1986 at Docket No. M-860047, directing that the bridge carrying T-480 above the tracks be posted for a load limit of 13 tons for single vehicles and 23 tons for combination vehicles.

Further investigation of the matters regarding posting of the bridge carrying Limestone Hill Road (T-480) reveals that the posted load limits ordered in Docket No. M-860047, were based on the calculated load capacity using Operating Rating stress levels. The calculated load capacity using Inventory Rating stress levels is 9.3 tons for single vehicles and 16.7 tons for combination vehicles. The site conditions at this crossing are such that it is difficult for a combination type vehicle to negotiate the curves in the horizontal alignment. The grades on the

township road are steep and the possibility of a combination-type vehicle desiring to use road is small. Considering all of the foregoing and the age and condition of the existing structure, we find that it is advisable to revise the ordered posted load limit to agree with the existing posted load limit of ten (10) tons.

In view of the fact that Borough of Darby has filed exceptions to the Tentative Decision, we will issue a final order covering all of the remaining crossings and set for hearing the crossing (AAR 140 643 F) carrying Pine Street over the tracks of the railroad company, in Darby Borough, Delaware County, to consider the exceptions; THEREFORE,

IT IS ORDERED:

1. That the matters at Docket Nos. M-860047, M-860049, M-860089, M-860092 and M-870127 be and are hereby incorporated into this proceeding and the record at Docket Nos. M-860047, M-860049, M-860089, M-860092 and M-870127 be marked closed.
2. That East Franklin Township, at its initial cost and expense, furnish all material and perform all work necessary to erect and maintain proper signs at the ends of the bridge and on the approaches thereto, posting the bridge carrying Township Road 480 (AAR 148 950 G) over and above the grade of tracks of CSX Transportation, Inc., in said township, Armstrong County, for a maximum load limit of ten (10) tons.
3. That East Franklin Township notify the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission in writing within five (5) days after it has complied with the requirements of Paragraph 2 of this order.
4. That East Franklin Township enforce the posted maximum load limit established in Paragraph 2 of this order, enlisting the assistance of a Commonwealth Weight Enforcement Team, if necessary.
5. That a copy of this order be served on the Commissioner of the Pennsylvania State Police.
6. That CSX Transportation, Inc., at its sole cost and expense, furnish all material and perform all work required to maintain the complete substructure and superstructure of the following existing crossing structures, so that each may continue to safely carry the current posted maximum load limits, if any, excepting therefrom any bituminous surface course currently or subsequently placed on the bridge deck:

<u>County</u> <u>Municipality</u>	<u>Highway Name</u> <u>Route</u>	<u>AAR No.</u>	<u>Bridge No.</u>	<u>Posted Load</u> <u>Limit</u>
Adams New Oxford Boro	High Street	832 134 W	603	*** (M-870127)

***7 tons for single vehicle and 13 tons for combination vehicle

<u>Allegheny</u>					
Baldwin Twp.	Old Clairton Rd.	145 526 C	88A		3½ tons
<u>Armstrong</u>					
East Franklin Twp.	Limestone Hill Rd. T-480	148 950 G	260.73		10 tons
<u>Beaver</u>					
Marion Twp.	Old Furnace Road T-649	145 802 C	355A		15 tons
<u>Butler</u>					
City of Butler	Monroe St.	149 037 F	408D		*
					(M-860049)
	* 13 tons for single vehicle and 24 tons for combination vehicle				
<u>Clearfield</u>					
Union Twp.	Bailey Rd. T-372	148 690 R	J-5.99		6 tons (M-860089)
<u>Delaware</u>					
Eddystone Boro. Ridley Twp.	Crum Lynne Rd.	140 653 L	81A		Not known
<u>Indiana</u>					
West Mahoning Twp.	T-392	148 915 T	238.97		Not known
Creekside Boro.	Cochran St.	148 792 J	M-0.37		7 tons
<u>Philadelphia</u>					
City of Philadelphia	Wharton Ave.	140 626 P	90A		Not known
<u>Somerset</u>					
Meyersdale Boro.	North St.	832 277 U	1977		** (M-860092)
	** 12 tons for single vehicle and 19 tons for combination vehicle				
Summit Twp.	T-381	145 117 K	25E		Not known

7. That the local government entity responsible for maintenance of the highway approaches to the involved crossing structures listed in Paragraph 6, at its sole cost and expense, furnish all material and perform all work required to maintain any bituminous surface course, currently or subsequently placed on the bridge deck, so that the roadway surface is kept in a smooth and satisfactory condition.

8. That Allegheny County, at its sole cost and expense, furnish all material and perform all work required to maintain the complete substructure and superstructure of the existing crossing (AAR 145 856 H - Bridge No. 312 F) structure carrying Sixteenth Street over and above the grade of the tracks of CSX Transportation, Inc., in City of Pittsburgh, Allegheny County, so that the structure may continue to safely carry legal loads.

9. That National Park Service, at its sole cost and expense, furnish all material and perform all work required to maintain the complete substructure and superstructure of the existing crossing (AAR 871 036 L - Bridge No. 71.80) structure carrying Reynolds Avenue over and above the grade of the tracks of CSX Transportation, Inc., in Cumberland Township (Gettysburg National Military Park), Adams County, so that the structure may continue to safely carry legal loads.

10. That this order insofar as it imposes costs on any party, is without prejudice to that party to recover costs from others in accordance with any lawful agreement.

11. That this proceeding be scheduled for hearing at a time and place assigned by this Commission, upon due notice to Borough of Darby and CSX Transportation, Inc., to receive evidence relative to the matters pertaining to the assignment of maintenance responsibility for the crossing (AAR 140 643 F) structure carrying Pine Street over and above the grade of the tracks of CSX Transportation, Inc., in Borough of Darby, Delaware County.

BY THE COMMISSION,



Jerry Rich
Secretary

(SEAL)

ORDER ADOPTED: July 16, 1987

ORDER ENTERED: JUL 21 1987