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BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE
COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

In re: Application of the City of Philadelphia
for a Certificate of Public Convenience, evidence-
ing the Commission's approval of the plans for
the reconstruction of the Green Lane Bridge over
the Schuylkill River, over the Venice Branch of
the Reading Company and over the Canal of the
Schuylkill Navigation Company in the City of
Philadelphia.

Application
Docket
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TO THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

PETITION FOR CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE

The petition of the City of Philadelphia respectfully
represents:-

1. That the name and address of the petitioner are

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
BUREAU OF ENGINEERING
CITY OF PHILADELPHIA

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2. That the name and address of the attorney for the Petitioner are:

Joseph F. Gaffney, City Solicitor,
City Hall, Philadelphia.

3. That the City of Philadelphia is a municipal corporation of the first class, co-terminus with the County of Philadelphia.

4. That the Petitioner files herewith 5 copies of the following drawing for this crossing:-
Drawing #11876 - General Plan

That the existing bridge is rated to such an extent that it has been found necessary to restrict the weight of trucks passing over the same.

That the intended bridge is a reinforced concrete arch structure of 4 spans over the river and a single structural steel encased in concrete span over the Venice Branch of the Reading Company and the Canal of the Schuylkill Navigation Company; having a cartway of 36 feet and 2 sidewalks 8 ft. in the clear.

That the proposed clearances over the top of rail of the Venice Branch is 15 ft. minimum and that a greater clearance can not be obtained without expense for damages to private property and without increased grades on the approaches to the bridge incommensurate with the results otherwise obtained. That this clearance compares with other existing clearances over the same tracks in the neighborhood as follows:-

Existing clearance underneath the present Green Lane Bridge.....	15.07
Leverington Avenue Bridge.....	14.61
Mountain Street Bridge.....	15.12
Various Private Footbridges.....	from 14.51 to 16.58

That the proposed clearance over the Canal of the

Schuylkill Navigation Company is 12.7 maximum and 10.4 minimum. That this can not be increased for the same reasons that the adjacent railroad tracks can not be increased. That this maximum clearance is greater than most similar clearances nearby and compares with other clearances in the neighborhood as follows:-

Green Lane Bridge (existing)	11.73	maximum,	11.08	minimum	
Leverington Avenue Bridge	11.75	"	11.75	"	
Water pipe support at					
Leverington Avenue	11.23	"	11.23	"	
Mountain Street Bridge	15.05	"	12.05	"	
Various private footbridges					
varying from	10.01	minimum	to	12.21	maximum

5. That the other public corporations effected are The Reading Company and the Schuylkill River Navigation Company.

6. That Green Lane over the Schuylkill River is a very important artery of public travel between Manayunk and West Philadelphia between Germantown and West Philadelphia.

7. That the estimated cost of the proposed construction and appurtenant work is \$500,000.; to be paid for in equal shares by the City of Philadelphia and Montgomery County, in accordance with an agreement between them dated March 18, 1926.

8. That the approval of the said plans and the granting of a Certificate of Public Convenience, and the construction of the proposed bridge in accordance therewith, are necessary and proper for the service, accommodation and convenience of the public in the City of Philadelphia, in order to eliminate the danger to traffic on account of the poor condition of the existing bridge and to furnish a wider and more convenient roadway and sidewalks for public use.

Your petitioner therefore prays Your Honorable Commission to issue a Certificate of Public Convenience under Article III, Section 5, and Article V, Section 12, 13 and 19 of the Public Service

Company Law, evidencing its approval of the plans for the reconstruction of a crossing above Grade where Green Lane crosses the Schuylkill River, the Venice Branch of the Reading Company and the Canal of the Schuylkill Navigation Company, and it will ever pray, etc.

CITY OF PHILADELPHIA

Signed & dated this..... day of..... 1926

BY.....

day of..... 1926

Chief Engineer,
Bureau of Engineering,
Acting on behalf of the City

STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA
CITY AND COUNTY OF PHILADELPHIA,

Personally appeared before me, a Notary Public in and for the aforesaid County and State, John A. Vogtleson, who being duly sworn according to law, doth depose and say that he is Chief Engineer, Bureau of Engineering, of the City of Philadelphia, the above named Petitioner, and that the facts as set forth in the foregoing petition are true and correct to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Chief Engineer,
Bureau of Engineering.

Sworn and subscribed before me this..... day of..... 1926, A. D.

[Signature]

Notary Public
Philadelphia, Pa.