



COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
COMMONWEALTH KEYSTONE BUILDING
400 NORTH STREET
HARRISBURG, PENNSYLVANIA 17120

IN REPLY PLEASE
REFER TO OUR FILE

May 20, 2026

A-2021-3028115

TO ALL PARTIES OF RECORD

Application of the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation for approval to abolish the public crossing (DOT 472 971 P) and to remove the railroad bridge structure carrying the abandoned railroad tracks of Wheeling & Lake Erie Railway Company, where it crosses, above grade, SR 0376 and SR 0019 in the City of Pittsburgh, Allegheny County, and the allocation of costs incident thereto.

To Whom It May Concern:

By petition received by the Commission on September 10, 2025, the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (Department) requests an extension of time and a scope revision amendment to complete the alteration of the above captioned crossing involved in this proceeding.

By Secretarial Letter dated February 11, 2022, all work was directed to be completed by December 31, 2026.

The Department was directed to remove the entire bridge structure inclusive to the superstructure and all its piers and abutments.

The Department now requests that the piers and abutments (substructures) remain in place and have stated that the substructures will be protected from vehicle traffic and protective fencing will be placed across the abutments to negate the drop-off hazards from the abandoned railroad grade.

In its petition, the Department states that it needs additional time due to the above-mentioned design changes and budgetary constraints. The overall project cost estimate has been revised to \$162,000,000.

The Department is requesting an extension of time that establishes a completion date of December 31, 2029.

The Department will submit the final plan sheets that involve the scope changes that detail the protection of the substructures and abutment fencing prior to construction.

We have carefully reviewed the record in this proceeding and will grant the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation an extension of time to December 31, 2029, to complete the work at the above captioned crossing.

Accordingly, the petition of the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation received by the Commission on September 10, 2025, requesting an extension of time and scope revision amendments, be and is hereby granted to the extent herein directed:

This Commission issues this Secretarial Letter in accordance with Section 2702 of the Public Utility Code.

THEREFORE:

1. Paragraph 2 of our Secretarial Letter dated February 11, 2022, which reads as follows, to wit:

“2. The application of the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation for approval to abolish the public crossing (DOT 472 971 P) and to remove the railroad bridge structure carrying the abandoned railroad tracks of Wheeling & Lake Erie Railway Company, where it crosses, above grade, SR 0376 and SR 0019 in the City of Pittsburgh, Allegheny County, be and is hereby approved to the extent provided herein.”

be and is hereby modified to read:

2. The application of the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation for approval to abolish the public crossing (DOT 472 971 P) and to remove the railroad bridge superstructure carrying the abandoned railroad tracks of Wheeling & Lake Erie Railway Company, where it crosses, above grade, SR 0376 and SR 0019 in the City of Pittsburgh, Allegheny County, be and is hereby approved to the extent provided herein.

2. Paragraph 3 of our Secretarial Letter dated February 11, 2022, which reads as follows, to wit:

“3. Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, at its sole cost and expense and prior to the start of construction, prepare and submit to this Commission for approval and to all parties of record for examination, complete detailed traffic control plans and bridge removal plans.

be and is hereby modified to read:

3. Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, at its sole cost and expense and prior to the start of construction, prepare and submit to this Commission for approval and to all parties of record for examination, complete detailed traffic control plans, bridge removal plans and protective fencing details.

3. Paragraph 4 of our Secretarial Letter dated February 11, 2022, which reads as follows, to wit:

“4. Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, at its sole cost and expense, furnish all material and perform all work required to remove the subject railroad bridge structure, including the steel superstructure and the reinforced concrete substructures in their entirety to below grade, generally in accordance with the approved plans and this Secretarial Letter.”

be and is hereby modified to read:

4. Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, at its sole cost and expense, furnish all material and perform all work required to remove the subject railroad bridge steel superstructure, generally in accordance with the approved plans and this Secretarial Letter.

4. Paragraph 11 of our Secretarial Letter dated February 11, 2022, which reads as follows, to wit:

“11. Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, at its sole cost and expense, furnish all material and do all work necessary to complete the remainder of the removal project, including finish grading and removal of all railroad bridge material generally in accordance with the approved plans and this Secretarial Letter.”

be and is hereby modified to read:

11. Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, at its sole cost and expense, furnish all material and do all work necessary to complete the remainder of the removal project, including the installation of protective fencing along the terminated interfaces at each of the abutments that are to remain, all in accordance with the approved plans and this Secretarial Letter.

5. Paragraph 17 of our Secretarial Letter dated February 11, 2022, which reads as follows, to wit:

“17. All work necessary to complete the bridge removal project within the Commission’s jurisdiction be done in a manner satisfactory to this Commission on or before December 31, 2026, and that on or before said date, Pennsylvania Department of Transportation notify this Commission in writing the date of actual completed work.”

be and is hereby modified to read:

17. All work necessary to complete the bridge removal project within the Commission’s jurisdiction be done in a manner satisfactory to this Commission on or before December 31, 2029, and that on or before said date, Pennsylvania Department of Transportation notify this Commission in writing the date of actual completed work.

6. Paragraph 21 of our Secretarial Letter dated February 11, 2022, which reads as follows, to wit:

“21. Upon completion of the bridge removal project and abolition of the public crossing (DOT 472 971 P), Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, at its sole cost and expense, furnish all material and do all work necessary thereafter to maintain the SR 0376 and SR 0019 approach roadways, signing, lighting, concrete barriers, retaining wall, pavement markings, ITS structures, guiderail, drainage facilities and any other of its roadway facilities, all in accordance with the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices, approved plans and this Secretarial Letter.”

be and is hereby modified to read:

21. Upon completion of the bridge removal project and abolition of the public crossing (DOT 472 971 P), Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, at its sole cost and expense, furnish all material and do all work necessary thereafter to maintain the remaining portions of the structure, including the four (4) reinforced concrete piers and the two (2) reinforced concrete abutments, SR 0376 and SR 0019 approach roadways, protective fencing, signing, lighting, concrete barriers, retaining wall, pavement markings, ITS structures, guiderail, drainage facilities, and any other of its roadway facilities, all in accordance with the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices, approved plans and this Secretarial Letter.

7. In all other respects, our Secretarial Letter dated February 11, 2022, remains in full force and effect.

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 black ink that reads "Matthew L. Homsher". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "M".

Matthew L. Homsher
Secretary