

May 11, 2012

Rosemary Chiavetta, Secretary Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission P.O. Box 3265 Harrisburg, PA 17105-3265

RE:

Docket No. A-2010-2174106

Dear Secretary Chiavetta:

Enclosed for filing please find the original and one (1) copy of the Petition to Modify Secretarial Letter of the Department of Transportation, in the above-captioned matter.

I hereby certify that a copy has been sent to all parties of record as indicated by the Certificate of Service.

Very Truly Yours,

Gina M. D'Alfonso

Assistant Counsel in Charge

Enclosure 2200/GMD:bjk

cc:

parties of record

Rodney Rehnert, Grade Crossing Engineer, District 5-0

Greg Vaughn, Grade Crossing Administrator, Utilities & Right of Way Section

# BEFORE THE PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

Application of the Department of Transportation of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for the approval to replace the existing overhead bridge where I-81 (southbound) crosses over the two tracks of Reading, Blue Mountain & Northern Railroad Company (DOT No. 361 461 E) in Delano two (2) tracks of Norfolk Southern Railway Company Township, Schuylkill County; and the allocation of costs incident thereto.

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### NOTICE TO PLEAD

This pleading has been filed with the Secretary of the Public Utility Commission. Any responsive pleading this Petition must be filed within twenty (20) days of service of this Petition upon you. 52 Pa. Code § 5.103 (b) & (c).

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#### PETITION TO MODIFY SECRETARIAL LETTER DATED JULY 22, 2010

AND NOW, comes the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Transportation, ("Department"), by and through its counsel, Gina M. D'Alfonso, Assistant Counsel in Charge and offers the following in support of its Petition to Modify Secretarial Letter dated July 22, 2010, in the above referenced matter:

1. The name and address of the moving party is:

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Department of Transportation Bureau of Project Delivery P.O. Box 3362 Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17105-3362

The name and address of Counsel for the moving party is: 2.

> Gina M. D'Alfonso Assistant Counsel in Charge Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Department of Transportation Office of Chief Counsel P.O. Box 8212 Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17105-8212

- 3. On or about May 4, 2010, the Department filed an application seeking approval to replace the existing bridge carrying I-81 over Reading Blue Mountain & Northern Railroad. By Secretarial Letter dated July 22, 2010, the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission ("PUC") approved the application and directed that the project be completed on or before April 11, 2012.
- 4. The Department has been unable to meet this schedule. When the application was filed the Department had planned to construct the project "design-build". The Federal Highway Administration has directed the Department to construct this project design-bid-build consistent with the remainder of the I-81 corridor bridge rehabilitation project.
- 5. The Department respectfully requests that the Secretarial Letter dated July 22, 2010, be modified as follows (modifications are underlined):
  - 7. The crossing alteration project be completed on or before December 31, 2015, and that on or before said date, Pennsylvania Department of Transportation report the date of actual completion of the work and certify to this Commission that the work has been completed satisfactorily in accordance with the approved plans and this Secretarial Letter.

WHEREFORE, the Department of Transportation respectfully requests that the relief sought in this Petition be granted.

Respectfully submitted,

Gina M. D'Alfonso

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#### **VERIFICATION**

I, Rodney Rehnert, Grade Crossing Administrator, for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Transportation, in this matter, hereby verify that the statements made in the foregoing document are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief. I understand that this statement is made subject to penalties of 18 Pa. C.S. §4904, relating to the unsworn falsification to authorities.

DATED: 5/11/12

Rodney Rehnert

**Grade Crossing Administrator** 

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### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the *Petition to Modify Application* was served upon the parties listed below, in accordance with the requirements of §1.54, by first-class mail, postage prepaid this 11<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2012.

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