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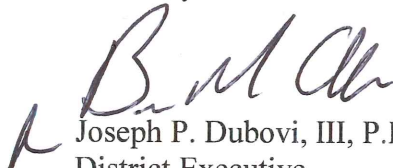
Rosemary Chiavetta, Secretary  
Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission  
P.O. Box 3265  
Harrisburg, PA 17105-3265

In re: Application of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Transportation, for approval to alter the public at-grade crossing by: (1) upgrading the existing Crossbucks to 12" LED flashing lights, and (2) installing automatic gates, where Township Road T- 451 (Main Street) crosses the single track of the Buffalo and Pittsburgh Railroad, Inc. (DOT No. 145 784 G) in Penn Township, Butler County; All *in accordance with the Federal Grade Crossing Program*; and the allocation of costs incident thereto.

Dear Secretary Chiavetta:

Enclosed for filing is the original application of the Department of Transportation.  
A copy of this application has been served upon the parties in the Certificate of Service attached to the application.

Sincerely,

  
Joseph P. Dubovi, III, P.E.  
District Executive  
Engineering District 10

Enclosure

**BEFORE  
PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

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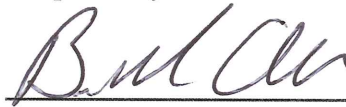
To the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission:

1. The name and address of applicant are Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Transportation, Brian N. Allen, P.E., Assistant District Executive, Engineering District 10-0 2550 Oakland Avenue, PO Box 429, Indiana PA 15701.
2. The name and address of attorney for the applicant is William J. Cressler, Chief Counsel, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Transportation, office of Chief Counsel, PO Box 8212, Harrisburg, PA 17105-8212.
3. The applicant is an agency of Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, organized and existing under the Administration Code of 1929, 71 P.S. § 511, et. seq. and generally 36 P.S. § 670-401 et. seq., filing this Application on behalf of Penn Township as evidence by Exhibit "B" which is attached hereto.
4. It is desirable to alter the subject crossing (DOT No. 145 784 G) by: (1) replacing the existing Crossbucks with 12" L.E.D. flashing signals, and circuitry; and (2) installing automatic gates. This work is in accordance with the Federal Grade Crossing Program. (Location map attached as Exhibit "A").
5. The names and addresses of the persons, parties and entities concerned in, or affected by the proposed construction, to the best of the Applicant's knowledge, are shown in the Certificate of Service.
6. T-451 (Main Street) crosses at-grade, a single track of the Buffalo and Pittsburgh Railroad, Inc. at railroad milepost 293.49. The estimated (2014) Average Daily Traffic (ADT) on T-451 is estimated at 200 vehicles with 1 % trucks at a posted speed of 15 MPH. The present estimated total trains per day are four (4) with a maximum speed of 35 MPH. Said crossings should be altered as indicated.

7. The aforementioned crossing alteration is anticipated to be paid with 100% Federal Funds.
8. The project is necessary and proper for the safety and convenience of the public.
9. A conference of all parties of interest should be held to discuss the proposed improvement.

Wherefore, applicant prays your Honorable Commission to approve the application:

Respectfully Submitted:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Brian N. Allen", is written over a solid horizontal line.

Brian N. Allen, P.E.  
Assistant District Executive – Design  
Engineering District 10-0  
Department of Transportation

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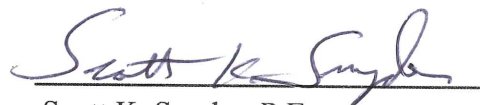
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**VERIFICATION**

I, Scott K. Snyder, hereby state that to the best of my knowledge, information and belief and that I expect to be able to prove the same at a hearing held in this manner. I understand that the statements herein are made subject to the penalties of 18 Pa.C.S. § 4904 (relating to un-sworn falsification to authorities).

Date: MARCH 10 2015



Scott K. Snyder, P.E.  
District 10-0 Grade Crossing Engineer

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that I have this day served a true copy of the foregoing document upon the participants listed below, in accordance with the requirements of 52 Pa. Code § 1.54, by first class mail, postage prepaid:

**Mark J. Chappell, P.E., Chief**  
Utilities and Right-of-Way Section  
Bureau of Design, PennDOT  
PO Box 3362  
Harrisburg, PA 17105-3362

**Joseph P. Dubovi, III, P.E., District Executive**  
Engineering District 10-0  
Pennsylvania Department of Transportation  
2550 Oakland Avenue, P.O. Box 429  
Indiana, PA 15701-0429  
Attn: Lawrence M. Cernansky, P.E.

**Mr. David C. Baer, VP and Chief Engineer**  
Buffalo & Pittsburgh Railroad, Inc.  
P.O. Box 477  
201 North Penn Street  
Punxsutawney, Pa 15767

**Honorable, William L. McCarrier, - Chairman**  
Butler County Commissioners  
Government Center  
PO Box 1208  
Butler, PA 16003-1208

**Dan Decker**  
**Armstrong**  
660 S. Benbrook Road, Butler, PA 16001

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West Penn Power  
109A Briar Hill Road, Kittanning, PA 16201

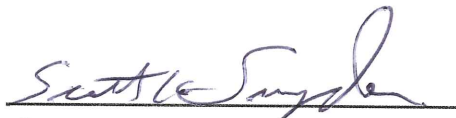
**James Barnett**  
Peoples TWP, LLC  
205 North Main Street  
Butler, PA 16001

**Linda D. Zerfoss**  
Penn Township  
157 East Airport Road  
Butler, PA 16002

**Bill Lage**  
PA American Water  
203 Oneida Valley Road, Butler, PA 16001

**Charles J. McGee**  
Saxonburg Area Authority / Saxonburg Borough  
420 West Main Street  
Saxonburg, PA 16056

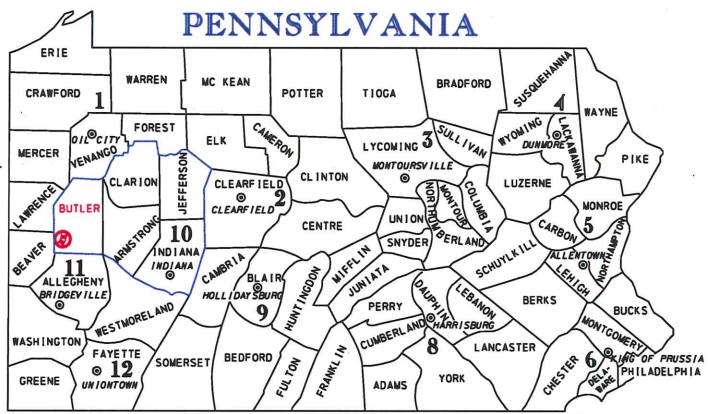
Dated this 11 Day of MARCH, 2015

  
Scott K. Snyder, P.E.  
PennDOT District 10-0  
Grade Crossing Engineer

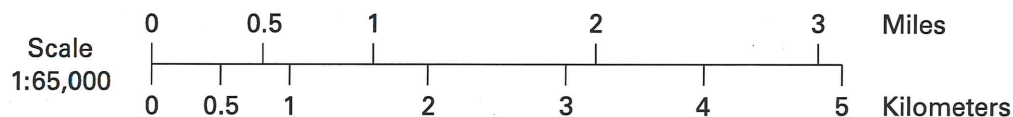
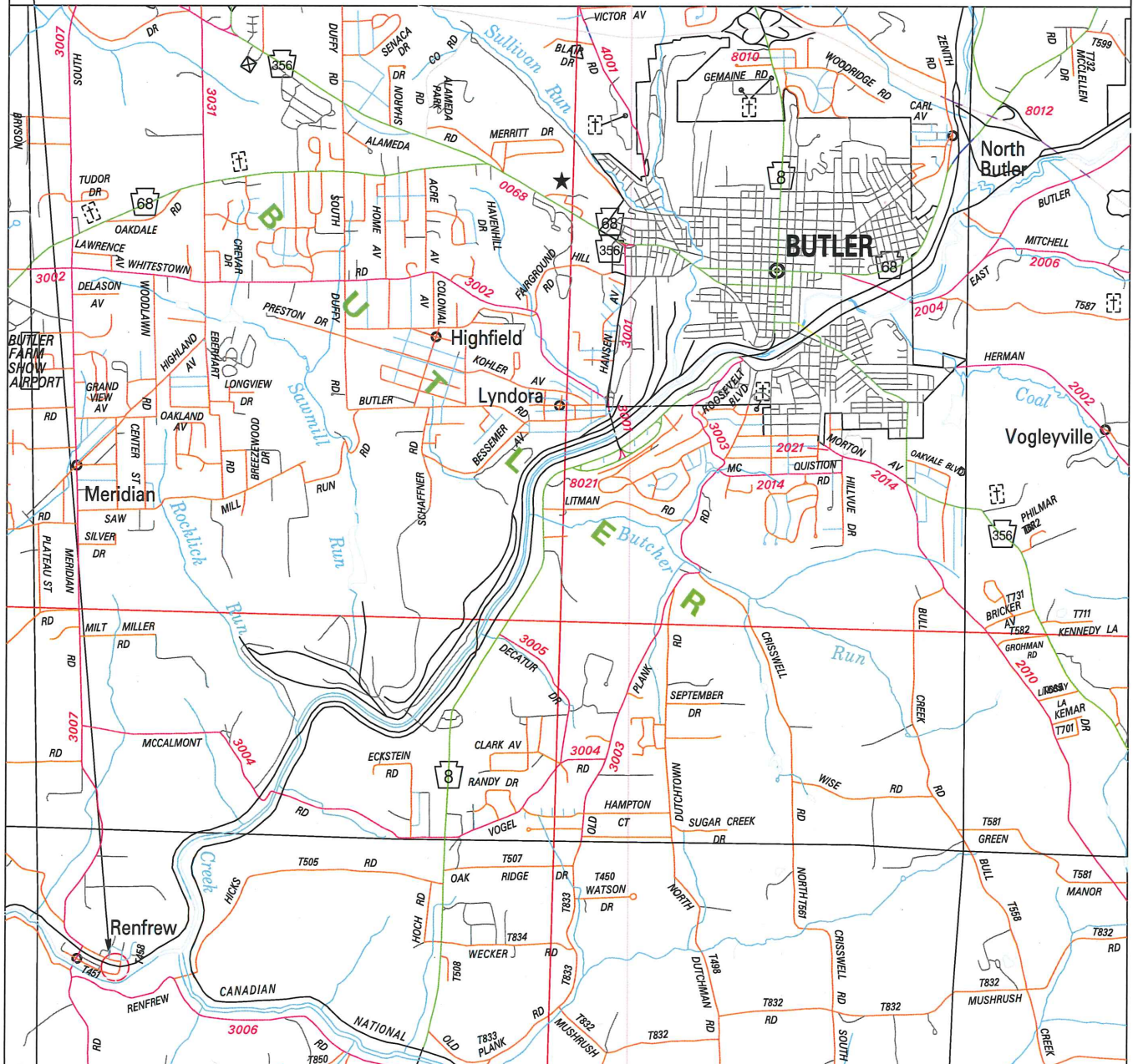
PROJECT LOCATION MAP

EXHIBIT A

AT-GRADE CROSSING  
DOT NO. 145 784 G  
T-451 (Main Street)  
PENN TOWNSHIP  
BUTLER COUNTY  
LAT: 40.805748°  
LONG: -79.960650°



MPMS NO. 103087



FILE\_NAME: \$\$designfile\$\$



December 12, 2014

Butler County  
Penn Township  
AT-GRADE CROSSING  
Main Street (T-451) - DOT # 145 784 G  
MPMS # 103087

Linda Zerfoss, Township Manager  
Penn Township  
157 East Airport Road  
Butler, PA 16002

Dear Manager Zerfoss:

The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Transportation (the Department) is filing an application with the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (PUC) for the approval to upgrade the existing railroad passive warning devices (crossbucks) to automatic 12" Light Emitting Diode (LED) flashing lights, gates, and circuitry where Main Street (T-451) crosses, at-grade, the single track of the Buffalo and Pittsburgh Railroad, Inc. (DOT # 148 784 G) located in Penn Township, Butler County.

This action is in accordance with the Section 130 Federal Rail Safety Program, which provides 100 percent Federal funding for the construction of Railroad warning devices on public roads. The Railroad will seek reimbursement from the Department for 100 percent of the construction costs.

Please sign, date, and affix Penn Township's seal at the space provided on this letter and return to this office. Please also provide a resolution agreeing to allow the Department to file this application on your behalf, and authorizing the Department to issue Notice-to-Proceed letters to the Railroad for design and/or construction. If a resolution is not provided it will be presumed that by signature, date, and seal of this letter that you concur with these conditions and authority is granted, and no resolution is necessary.

*Linda D Zerfoss*  
Municipality Signature

12-15-14  
Date

(municipality seal)



As result of this action, the Municipality will receive a copy of the application that will be made by the Department to the PUC, which will then be followed by a letter from the PUC advising of a subsequent diagnostic field view at the crossing. Should there be any questions with regards to this matter, please contact me at (724) 357-2526 or e-mail at Lcernansky@pa.gov.

Sincerely,

*Scott K. Snyder, P.E.*

*for*

Lawrence M. Cernansky, P.E.  
District Grade Crossing Engineer  
Engineering District 10-0  
Department of Transportation