

**ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT
APPLICATION FOR RAILROAD WORK AT STATE HIGHWAY CROSSINGS**

APPLICANT LEAVE BLANK

Permit No.: _____

Route: _____

Location: _____

Railroad: _____

PART I - TO BE COMPLETED BY APPLICANT

The undersigned hereby requests permission to work on their grade crossing with Highway No. _____ in _____ County as described below. General location description is as follows: _____

Any work performed at this grade crossing will be in accordance with Railroad Safety and Regulatory Rules Promulgated Under Act 726 of 1993. It is also understood and agreed that beginning work under any permit issued in accordance with this request shall constitute acceptance of all applicable requirements of such laws, rules, regulations, and the specific terms and provisions set forth in or attached to the Permit. Appropriate traffic control devices shall be installed in accordance with the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices, most recent edition, to adequately warn, protect, and if approved detour the traveling public.

Date Work To Begin: _____

Description of Work To Be Performed: _____

1. Will tracks be RAISED or LOWERED? Yes No If yes to 1, how much _____ inches.
(Please circle) (Please circle)

2. If yes to 1, was notification made by certified mail at least two (2) weeks in advance of planned start of work? YES NO
(Please circle)

3. Will crossing be blocked in excess of 30 minutes? YES NO If yes to 3, is detour plan attached? YES NO
(Please circle) (Please circle)

4. If yes to 3, does detour conform with Rule X-1.2(b)(2) and Rule X-1.2(c) in all respects? YES NO
(Please circle)

5. If yes to 3, was notification made by certified mail not less than thirty (30) days in advance of planned start of work?
YES NO
(Please circle)

Company Name: _____

Address: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: (_____) _____ Fax: (_____) _____

Name of Authorized Representative (Print): _____ Title: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

PART II - TO BE COMPLETED BY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT DISTRICT ENGINEER

1. Application approved: Yes / No (Circle One) If Disapproved: Why? _____

2. (a) Will a Pavement Cut be required Yes/No; (b) Will highway or roadway be altered in any way? Yes / No

3. (a) Is a Highway Improvement proposed? Yes / No;

(b) Is this RR Crossing work related to any Highway Construction Job? Yes / No

4. Will there be railroad facilities placed closer than 5 feet from shoulder or roadway? Yes / No

5. Generally, how will highway traffic be handled? _____

Date: _____

**Hunter Lake
District 6 Engineer**

**Excerpts From
*Railroad Safety and Regulatory Rules
Promulgated Under Act 726 of 1993***

Rule M-1.3

(a) Each railroad company shall notify in writing by certified mail the public authority with jurisdiction over the roadway in question at least two (2) weeks in advance of the date that it intends to raise the elevation of one or more tracks at any crossing.

(b) (1) No scheduled or programmed maintenance or construction shall begin on a railroad crossing which will cause the crossing to be blocked for a period in excess of the time allowed in these rules until the railroad company has notified in writing by certified mail and received approval from the public authority with jurisdiction over the roadway in question. Said notice shall be provided to the public authority with jurisdiction over the roadway not less than thirty (30) days in advance of the date work is scheduled to begin.

(d) When any maintenance or construction, whether scheduled or emergency in nature, shall require the obstruction or closing of the crossing in excess of thirty (30) minutes, the railroad company shall be responsible for the placement of signs showing the designated alternative or detour route. Such alternative route shall conform to the requirements of Rule X-1.2(b)(2) and (c) in all respects.

Rule X-1.2

(b) (1) An alternative crossing shall be defined as a crossing that requires no more than one-half (1/2) additional mile of travel when the crossing is within city limits or one (1) additional mile of travel when the crossing is outside city limits as a detour for motorists altering their route as a result of a blocked crossing. The detour route to the alternative crossing must be a viable way of travel, comparable in condition and maintenance to the road being blocked. The detour must be visible or apparent to the motorist from the site of the blocked crossing.

(b) (2) In the event an alternative crossing is not available that complies with the provisions of this rule, the railroad company may petition the Commission for an exception to this rule. Such petition shall be filed with the Commission and shall state the reasons for the exception; a copy shall be served on the public authority having jurisdiction over the roadway in question. After notice to and a hearing involving all interested parties, the Commission may enter an order containing findings of facts granting or denying said exemption. Any party to the proceeding may appeal said order to the circuit court of the county in which the crossing is located.

(c) Any grant of an exemption by the Commission or its hearing officer shall be for the crossing in question and shall not apply to any other crossing. Said exemption may be reviewed at a later date, upon written petition by any of the parties, alleging that the facts and circumstances surrounding the exemption have changed. Upon filing of the petition, the notice and hearing procedures outlined above shall be followed. The Commission or its hearing officer will enter a written order as a result of the hearing. Upon its own motion or upon the motion of any party filed within ten (10) days of entry of any order or decision rendered by the hearing officer, said order or decision may be reviewed by the Commission; the Commission may adopt the hearing officer's decision in whole or in part, may modify the decision, or reverse the decision as a result of its review. Any party to this proceeding may appeal said order to the circuit court of the county in which the crossing is located.