



APPLICATION FOR AUTHORITY FOR VARIANCE FROM STANDARD WALKWAYS

RAIL DIVISION, 555 13TH STREET NE, STE 3 SALEM OREGON 97301-4179

DOCKET NO.
INDUSTRY NO.

In the Matter of the Application of

(name of applicant)

for authority for a variance from the provisions for standard walkways as set out in the Rules and Regulations of the Oregon Department of Transportation, OAR 741-320-0010 through 741-320-0170.

NOTE: This form should be used in conjunction with the instruction sheet provided.

1. Applicant hereby requests authority from the Department to permit the railroad(s) named in Item 8 to operate over trackage with nonstandard walkways as described in OAR 741-320-0010 through 741-320-0170.
 Variance is requested from Walkway Standard: No.1 No. 2 No. 3 Other _____

2. General Information (please complete each blank)

APPLICANT NAME	NAME OF CONTACT PERSON	TELEPHONE NUMBER
APPLICANT ADDRESS		
NATURE OF APPLICANT BUSINESS		
ADDRESS OF FACILITY WHERE VARIANCE IS REQUESTED		

3. Describe the exact location(s) where variance from standard walkways is requested, including milepost locations where applicable (if applicant is a railroad) and identify tracks by name or number and describe in Item 4 below.

4. Describe in detail the nonstandard conditions for which a variance is sought; include plan of the area involved (drawing should show track layout in detail, including length of nonstandard walkway and the maximum deviation, i.e., length, width, deviation above or below top of ties, adjacent structures, and connecting tracks and switches in the vicinity of the involved trackage):

5a. For what reason(s) do you request authority for a variance from standard walkways?

5b. Explain why your facility should not be brought into compliance with the Department's walkway rules.

5c. Describe what modifications would be necessary to meet standard walkways. _____

5d. What would be the cost to bring your facility into compliance with standard clearances? _____

6. Who owns (or will own) the trackage involved? _____

7. Who maintains (will maintain) the trackage and walkways involved? _____

8. Who operates (will operate) on this trackage (name of railroad(s))? _____

9. What is the length of track prior to and beyond the portion of trackage involved in the variance request? _____

10. Describe typical train movements on this trackage. _____

11. Train movements (average per day): _____ Speed _____

Type of movements: Switch Through

Time of day: Daylight Darkness Both

NOTE: If more than one impaired track, provide this information for each track on a separate sheet.

12. Describe typical railroad employee activities on the walkway area involved in this request. _____

13. What form of warning is proposed for railroad employees of each nonstandard walkway and where will it be installed? (Normally, illuminated signs should be placed not more than 50 feet in advance of the nearest nonstandard walkway when entering the impaired track. If such placement is not feasible, please explain why and specify where each placement will be made.) _____

14. Who will bear the costs of installation, maintenance and illumination of the nonstandard walkway warning signs? _____

15. Provide this office with a copy of all track agreements with the railroad(s).

16. Provide this office with an original and 5 copies of the application and the required drawings.

Applicant requests an order granting the variance in accordance with this application, or for such other and further order as may be proper under the circumstances as developed in this case.

NOTE: Application must be signed by two officials, or one official and attorney of a railroad or industry.

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DATED AT CITY

STATE

THIS DAY OF

MONTH

YEAR

INSTRUCTION SHEET FOR FILING NONSTANDARD WALKWAY VARIANCE APPLICATION

- Item 1. Check the appropriate box for this application.
- Item 2. Show name of business, its address, and the nature of the business (such as plywood plant, warehouse, etc.). If walkway is at a location different than business address, include that address. Contact person should be someone familiar with the matter involved.
- Item 3. Provide a detailed written location of the nonstandard walkway with milepost location and/or name or number of track.
- Item 4. Provide a detailed written description of the nonstandard condition(s) and include drawings showing details. (See sample illustration on back.)
- Item 5. State the reason for requested variance. Explain why nonstandard walkway(s) should not be brought into compliance at the location(s) involved, what modifications would be necessary, and the costs to bring your facility into compliance.
- Item 6. State if the trackage involved is owned by the railroad, owned by the railroad and leased to your firm, or owned by you firm.
- Item 7. State if your firm or the railroad will maintain the trackage and walkways.
- Item 8. State the name of the operating railroad(s), which provide service on the trackage, involved. Also, indicate if your firm provides any of its own switching service.
- Item 9. Answer fully.
- Item 10. Show one movement for each time an engine or train passes the area of the nonstandard walkway(s).
- Item 11. Indicate the type and speed of train activity in the area of nonstandard walkway(s); for instance, where the movement is made past the area without stopping should be listed as a "through" movement. Also, show average speed for each type of movement (normally, engines using spur tracks operate at from 4 to 7 miles per hour). Check all appropriate boxes.
- Item 12. Answer fully.
- Item 13. State the type of sign protection proposed. The Department normally investigates each application and may stipulate what protection for railroad employees is required, based on circumstances. The minimum protection required is a 16 inch x 20 inch sign, bearing the inscription "IMPAIRED WALKWAY" or "NONSTANDARD WALKWAY" in letters at least 3 inches in height, immediately followed by the letters "ODOT" and the number of the order granting the variance. Placement of the sign must not create an impairment.
- Item 14. In most instances, applicant bears the cost of signing. However, circumstances might warrant a cooperative effort on the part of the applicant and the operating railroad. In such instances, agreement between the parties must be arrived at prior to the submission of the variance request, in order to expedite processing.
- Item 15. Provide this office with a copy of all track agreements with the railroad(s).
- Item 16. Provide this office with an original and five copies of the application and the required drawings.

SAMPLE

FORM 734-2459

WAREHOUSE NO. 2

TRACK NO. 2

TRACK NO 1

WAREHOUSE NO.1

STA. 312 ft

SWITCH NO. 2
STA. 289 ft

STA. 272 ft

DITCH IMPAIRS SWITCH WALKWAY BY 18 1/2 inches FOR A DISTANCE OF 40 ft

ABC RR MAINLINE

STA. 00.0 ft

SCALE 1 inch = 100 ft

