Public Utilities Commission of Ohio

Memo

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From:

George Martin, Grade Crossing Planner, Rail Divis

Re:

PUCO Case Nos. 05-951-RR-FED and 06-557-RR-FED Request by the Indiana & Ohio

Central Railroad for an extension of time to complete three grade crossing projects

Date:

January 18, 2007

By its Entry of August 10, 2005 the Commission ordered that the Indiana & Ohio Central Railroad (IOCR) install active warning devices at Clermont County, City of Loveland, Loveland Ave., DOT# 151-334Y no later than August 10, 2006. A subsequent Entry granted IOCR an extension of time to complete this project to February 10, 2007.

By its Entry of April 26, 2006 the Commission ordered IOCR to install active warning devices at Clermont County, City of Loveland, Second St., DOT# 151-332K and Hamilton County, City of Loveland, Kemper Rd., DOT# 151-336M by August 10, 2006. A subsequent Entry granted IOCR an extension of time to complete these projects to February 10, 2007.

By letter dated January 17, 2007 IOCR request a further extension of time for all three projects of 60 days in which to complete these projects. All three crossings are interconnected, and traffic signal preemption for these crossings to provide suitable warning to highway users.

The traffic signal contractor was unable to obtain permission to attach the interconnection to existing utility poles, necessitating a redesign of the interconnection using spread spectrum radio. IOCR states that this redesign and the delay in obtaining the radio equipment has caused a delay in finishing the projects on time.

IOCR has kept staff apprised of these projects in a timely manner, and notified staff in advance of this request. Staff finds the request well made, and recommends that the commission grant the request.

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