

BEFORE

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

In the Matter of the Authorization of )  
Camp Chase Industrial Railroad and )  
CSX Transportation, Inc., to Install or ) Case No. 08-519-RR-FED  
Upgrade Active Grade Crossing Warning )  
Devices in Franklin and Mahoning Counties, )  
Ohio. )

ENTRY

The Commission finds:

- (1) On April 15, 2008, the Commission's staff filed a memorandum stating that the Ohio Railroad Development Commission (ORDC) has agreed to authorize Camp Chase Industrial Railroad (CCRA) and CSX Transportation, Inc. (CSX) to install active grade crossing devices at five highway/railroad grade crossings under the federal grade crossing program. The CCRA installation projects are located at: Hague Avenue, Village of Valleyview (518-919T); Sylvan Avenue, City of Columbus (518-920M), and Georgesville Road/County Road 26 (518-924P) in Franklin County. The CSX upgrade projects are located at: First Street, Village of Lowellville (141-679S) and Third Street, Village of Lowellville (141-677D) in Mahoning County.
- (2) Staff has recommended authorization for preliminary engineering within 90 days and a construction deadline of one year for these projects.
- (3) CCRA and CSX should submit to the Commission and ORDC the site plans and cost estimates for the above projects by July 29, 2008. Within seven days thereafter, CCRA and CSX should file a letter in this docket advising that the site plans and cost estimates have been submitted to the Commission and ORDC. Following submission and approval of the site plans and cost estimates by ORDC, unless otherwise directed, CCRA and CSX are hereby authorized to acquire project materials and to commence construction as detailed in the letters of construction authorization. CCRA and CSX shall notify staff at least five working days before the date work is scheduled to

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begin at the project site so that arrangements can be made for inspection. In addition, CCRA and CSX shall notify staff of any changes in the scope of work, cost overruns, materials, etc., which are not in the approved plans and estimates and secure approval before the work is performed. The Commission will issue no further construction authorization. Further, construction on these projects should be completed by April 30, 2009.

- (4) In order to expedite activation of the warning devices, the Commission no longer requires railroad companies to delay such activation pending a final inspection by staff. However, CCRA and CSX should notify staff and ORDC 30 days before the projected date of completion. At the time the Commission or ORDC staff makes its final inspections of the devices and if it finds that the installations have been completed and have been put in service, staff should file a memorandum in this docket indicating that the installations have been completed and the warning devices have been put in service.
- (5) With the intention of promoting increased public safety during the pendency of these projects, the Commission urges the appropriate local government agencies to make an immediate assessment of interim physical improvement which would enhance driver awareness at the project crossings. The Commission may provide assistance in funding improvements such as rumble strips, illumination, signs, or other safety enhancements at the project location. Applications for such funding should be made to the Commission's Transportation Department, Railroad Division, which shall review all proposals. In the event the department finds the improvements appropriate, the department director is hereby authorized to execute a contract with the local government agency, and obligate up to \$5,000 from the State Grade Crossing Safety Fund for such improvements. However, the local government agency should not initiate any improvements until a contract has been executed.

It is, therefore,

ORDERED, That CCRA and CSX submit to the Commission and ORDC site plans and cost estimates for the projects by July 29, 2008. It is, further,

ORDERED, That by August 5, 2008, CCRA and CSX each file a letter in this docket advising that it has submitted site plans and cost estimates to the Commission and ORDC. It is, further,

ORDERED, That CCRA and CSX notify staff at least five working days before the date work is scheduled to begin at the project sites so that arrangements can be made for inspections. It is, further,

ORDERED, That CCRA and CSX notify staff of any changes in the scope of work, cost overruns, materials, etc., which are not in the approved plans and estimates and secure approval before the work is performed. It is, further,

ORDERED, That CCRA and CSX, following approval of site plans and cost estimates by ORDC, proceed with construction of the projects, construction to be completed by April 30, 2009. It is, further,

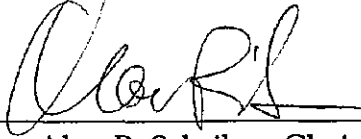
ORDERED, That CCRA and CSX follow the detailed instructions as outlined in the ORDC letters of construction authorization. It is, further,

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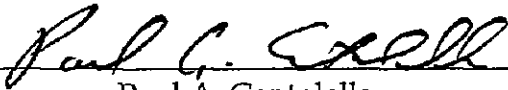
ORDERED, That, at the time staff or ORDC makes its final inspection and if it finds that the installations are completed and has been put in service, staff will file a memorandum in this docket indicating that the installations have been completed and the warning devices have been put in service. It is, further,

ORDERED, That copies of this entry be served upon the Village of Valleyview, the City of Columbus, the Village of Lowellville, and all parties of record.

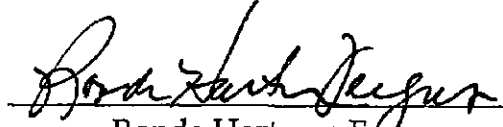
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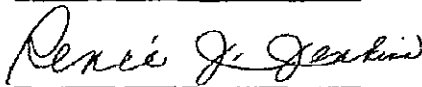
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