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## <u>VIA CERTIFIED MAIL</u> RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Public Utilities Commission of Ohio Docketing Division 180 East Broad Street, 13th Floor Columbus, Ohio 43215-3793

Re:

PUCO Case No. 08-519-RR-FED

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to supplement Camp Chase Industrial Railroad's ("CCRA") March 23, 2009 request for an extension of the April 30, 2009 construction deadline, established by the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio ("PUCO") in its Entry authorizing CCRA to upgrade the rail crossing at Georgesville Road/County Road 26 (518-924P)("Georgesville Project"). George Martin has requested that CCRA provide further details concerning its need for an extension.

Many issues beyond the control of CCRA have caused delays with Georgesville Project. First, the Ohio Rail Development Commission ("ORDC") and Franklin County could not reach agreement on the lane configuration of Georgesville Road until September 2008, six months after PUCO's authorization of the Georgesville Project. As a result, surface plans could not be completed until October 27, 2008.

Next, even though the crossing surface rebuild was timely completed, the various governmental bodies holding jurisdiction over the Georgesville Project (Franklin County, ORDC, and the City of Columbus) could not reach consensus with CCRA on the signal system. The concerns raised involved (i) the design parameters of the railroad signals as they related to train speed, switching moves and operating rules; (ii) resolution of which governmental unit's regulations controlled signaling, timing and the like, and in what priority; (iii) disputes over gate length and the need for a center island; and (iv) determination of whether DTMF radio-controlled signal activation was required or desirable.

In an effort to resolve these concerns in a timely manner, ORDC hired a consultant to review signal design and make recommendations. Additionally, the parties met in August 2008, January 2009, and March 2009 to negotiate the various issues. The parties finally reached an agreement on the signal system on March 12, 2009 after receiving recommendations from ORDC's consultant. The signal systems plans are now nearing completion. It is anticipated they

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will be soon approved by all parties and a notice to proceed will be issued. At that time, material will be ordered and construction of the signal system can begin.

For the above reasons, it is evident that, despite its best efforts, CCRA cannot meet the original April 30, 2009 deadline set forth in PUCO's Entry authorizing the Georgesville Project. The possibility that this extension would be requested was brought to George Martin's attention in August 2008 and Mr. Martin has been present for CCRA's negotiations with ORDC, Franklin County and the City of Columbus. Indeed, this request is made in accordance with Mr. Martin's instruction to CCRA to wait until March 2009 to determine whether an extension would be necessary and, if necessary, request the extension at that time. For these reasons and in accordance with Mr. Martin's instruction, CCRA hereby requests that the current construction deadline be extended to December 31, 2009.

Sincerely yours,

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