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**To:** Docketing Division

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**Re:** PUCO Case No. 09-867-RR-FED- In the matter of the Authorization of the Columbus & Ohio River Railroad to Install Active Grade Crossing Warning Devices in Tuscarawas County.

On September 28, 2009, the Commission's railroad staff filed a memorandum indicating that the Ohio Rail Development Commission (ORDC) authorized funding for the installation of active grade crossing warning devices in Tuscarawas County, Union Township at Pleasant Valley Road (DOT#510-745W).

On October 7, 2009, the Commission ordered for plans and cost estimates to be filed by January 5, 2010 and for construction to be completed by October 7, 2010.

On December 16, 2010, the Columbus and Ohio River Railroad (CUOH) submitted plans and estimates for approval. ORDC requested changes to the project and a final revised cost estimate was received on June 11, 2010. On June 16, 2010, ORDC granted construction authorization for the project.

On September 23, 2010, the CUOH submitted a request for a 60 day extension of time for the completion of the project. In that request, CUOH noted that delays in getting construction authorization and issues with coordination efforts between CUOH and the contractor led to the delay in completion of the project. Additionally, CUOH was asked to increase priority on the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act project located at Waterworks Road in Licking County and that has stretched the CUOH available resources.

Staff recommends that the Commission grant a 30 day extension at this time.

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