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# Memo

**To:** Docketing Division  
**From:** George Martin, Grade Crossing Planner, Rail Division *GM*  
**Re:** PUCO Case No. 09-867-RR-FED  
**Date:** October 7, 2010

By its Entry dated October 1, 2010, the Commission granted an extension of time to the Columbus & Ohio River Railroad (CUOH) to complete the light and gate project at Pleasant Valley Rd/CR 37, DOT# 510-745W, Tuscarawas County. The ordered in service date for the crossing is November 6, 2010. The Entry ordered that CUOH issue a stop and flag order for all train moves at the crossing beginning October 7, 2010.

On October 6, 2010, CUOH filed in this docket a request for the Commission to reconsider its requirement for a stop and flag order at the crossing. Among the items CUOH cited for reconsideration were the length of trains that operate over the crossing, the geography of the rail line through the crossing, and the potential for blocked crossings in near by communities.

Staff notes that prior to the Commission Entry ordering this project, the crossing was passively warned, with crossbucks only. The crossing is still warned with crossbucks and advance warning signs. Staff recommends that the Commission rescind the stop and flag order for this crossing, while still holding CUOH to an in service deadline of November 6, 2010.

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