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Memo

To: Docketing Division
From: George Martin, Grade Crossing Planner, Rail Division *DM*
Re: PUCO Case No. 10-945-RR-FED Request of the Youngstown & Austintown Railroad for an extension of time to complete a grade crossing project in Mahoning County
Date: August 26, 2011

By its Entry dated July 29, 2010, the Commission ordered, in part, that the Youngstown & Austintown Railroad (YARR) upgrade the circuitry and install new mast-mounted and cantilevered flashing lights at Meridian Rd., DOT# 262368A, City of Youngstown, Mahoning County, by July 29, 2011. A subsequent Entry extended the deadline for the project to August 29, 2011.

On August 25, 2011, YARR submitted a request for a 30-day extension of time in which to complete the project. YARR states in their request that construction was halted due to insufficient right-of-way for placement of the signals, property ownership issues, and unforeseen issues with underground utilities.

Staff became aware of the unforeseen issues on August 25, 2011 through talks with Susan Kirkland of the Ohio Rail Development Commission and the railroad.

As the situation now stands, YARR will be unable to complete the project by the Commission ordered deadline. Staff recommends that the extension be granted.

C: Legal Department

Please serve the following parties of record

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