

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

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In the Matter of a Request:
for an Exemption by the :
Wellston City School :
District at the : Case No. 12-3007-RR-RCP
Pennsylvania Avenue Grade :
Crossing (151440G), in :
Wellston, Ohio. :

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TELEPHONIC PROCEEDINGS

before Mr. Jonathan Tauber, Attorney Examiner, at the
Wellston City School District, 1 East Broadway,
Wellston, Ohio, called at 1:29 p.m. on Thursday,
January 10, 2013.

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1 Thursday Afternoon Session,
2 January 10, 2013.

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4 EXAMINER TAUBER: Let's go on the record.
5 The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio has called
6 for hearing at this time and place Case No.
7 12-3007-RR-RCP being in the Matter of a Request for
8 an Exemption by the Wellston City School District at
9 the Pennsylvania Avenue Grade Crossing, which is No.
10 151440G, located in Wellston, Ohio.

11 My name is Jon Tauber. I am the Attorney
12 Examiner assigned by the Commission to preside over
13 this afternoon's hearing. The purpose of this
14 afternoon's hearing will be to take public comment
15 regarding the exemption request.

16 Once public comment is taken it will
17 become a part of the official record. Any members of
18 the public that wish to make a public comment I will
19 first ask them to state their name and address for
20 the record, and then I will swear them in to provide
21 a sworn statement for the record. Once they testify
22 their statement will become part of the official
23 record in this proceeding.

24 At this time I have one member of the
25 public. Could you please state your name.

1 MS. BOCH: Karen Boch, B-O-C-H.

2 EXAMINER TAUBER: And what's your
3 address, Ms. Boch?

4 MS. BOCH: Here?

5 EXAMINER TAUBER: Yes.

6 MS. BOCH: Okay. 1 East Broadway,
7 Wellston, Ohio 45692.

8 EXAMINER TAUBER: Can you please raise
9 your right hand.

10 (Witness sworn.)

11 EXAMINER TAUBER: Thank you. You may
12 proceed with your statement.

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14 KAREN BOCH

15 being first duly sworn, as prescribed by law, was
16 examined and testified as follows:

17 DIRECT EXAMINATION

18 THE WITNESS: Basically the reason we
19 asked for this railroad crossing to be exempt is
20 because it is directly, I don't know, diagonal from
21 our -- our bus garage, and when the buses have to
22 turn right, they immediately turn right and have to
23 stop, and so it could cause an accident.

24 The other reason is that this railroad
25 crossing is totally dysfunctional so there are no

1 trains that cross the main street which is
2 Pennsylvania Avenue.

3 EXAMINER TAUBER: How busy is traffic
4 typically on the Pennsylvania Avenue crossing?

5 THE WITNESS: Pennsylvania Avenue is
6 very -- traffic is usually very heavy as it is the
7 main street going through Wellston.

8 EXAMINER TAUBER: And you said no trains
9 have used this -- utilize this crossing any more.

10 THE WITNESS: Correct.

11 EXAMINER TAUBER: How long has it been
12 inactive?

13 THE WITNESS: I have been here six years,
14 and it has been inactive. I have lived in Wellston
15 for 25, and I would say most of that time.

16 EXAMINER TAUBER: Thank you. Do you have
17 anything you wish to add?

18 THE WITNESS: That's all. Thank you.

19 EXAMINER TAUBER: Thank you.

20 Let the record reflect there are no other
21 members of the public present this afternoon, so at
22 this time we will adjourn. Thank you.

23 (Thereupon, the hearing was concluded at
24 1:31 p.m.)

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CERTIFICATE

I do hereby certify that the foregoing is
a true and correct transcript of the proceedings
taken by me in this matter on Thursday, January 10,
2013, and carefully compared with my original
stenographic notes.

Karen Sue Gibson, Registered
Merit Reporter.

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