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Memo

To: Docketing Division

From: George Martin, Grade Crossing Planner, Rail Division

Re: In the matter of the authorization of the Indiana & Ohio Railway to install an active grade crossing warning device in Fairfield County

Date: February 19, 2013

The Ohio Rail Development Commission (ORDC) has authorized funding for the Indiana & Ohio Railway (IORY) to install mast mounted flashing lights and roadway gates at the S. Maple St., DOT# 228970P, grade crossing in the City of Lancaster, Fairfield County. The crossing was surveyed on January 6, 2012 and was found to warrant the upgrade.

The project will be paid for with federal funds, and is actual cost. As the plan and estimate have already been submitted and approved, staff requests an Entry with completion of the projects in nine months. Construction may commence at once. Staff requests that the following language be incorporated in the Entry:

It is expected that all work necessary for FHWA acceptance of the warning devices will be completed by the in-service due date and that the railroad will be responsible for this work. This work includes, but is not limited to:

Any ancillary work to make the warning devices function as designed and visible to the roadway user, and

MUTCD compliance, including minor roadway work if necessary.

A suggested case coding and heading would be:

PUCO Case No. 13- *0468* -RR-FED In the matter of the authorization of the Indiana & Ohio Railway to install an active grade crossing warning device in Fairfield County

C: Legal Department

Please serve the following parties of record

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FROM: Cathy Stout, Manager, Safety Section, ORDC

BY: Joe Reinhardt, Project Manager, ORDC

SUBJECT: Fairfield County, S. Maple Street, City of Lancaster
DOT 228970P, PID 92831, Warning and Surface Project

DATE: February 16, 2013

The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO) established a diagnostic survey at the subject location on S. Maple Street. The Ohio Rail Development Commission (ORDC) attended the review. The Diagnostic Team recommended the improvement of warning devices to flashing lights and roadway gates with surface. Copies of the diagnostic review form and the plan and estimate are attached.

PE has already been provided by the railroad. ORDC approves the site plans and estimates as provided for warning and surface. Please issue a construction-only order for the project outlined above. This construction authorization is made with the stipulation and understanding that any field work needs prior approval before the work begins. This authorization is made with the stipulation and understanding that an approved estimate may contain entries for items or activities that may be cited and found to be ineligible for federal participation during the project audit.

It is expected that all work necessary for FHWA acceptance of the warning devices will be completed by the in-service due date and that the railroad will be responsible for this work. This work includes, but is not limited to:

- any ancillary work to make warning devices function as designed and visible to the roadway user, and
- MUTCD compliance – including minor roadway work if necessary.

Thank you for your assistance with these matters.

Attachment: Diagnostic Review
Plan & Estimate

c: George Martin, PUCO
ORDC Project Manager (file)