BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

In the matter of the Petition of CSX transportation, Inc. to close To vehicular traffice the Blooming Grove/New Winchester Road Grader Crossing (DOT NO.: 262042j), Located in Washington Township,

Morrow County, Ohio

MORROW COUNTY'S

RESPONSE TO CSX'S PETITION

CASE NO.: 14-379-RR-UNC

Now comes Morrow County, Ohio by and through Charles S. Howland,
Morrow County Prosecuting Attorney and hereby responds to CSX's Petition to
close to vehicular traffic at the Blooming Grove New Winchester Road Grade

Crossing. Hereafter referred to as County Road 8.

Morrow County now lodges its objection to the closing of the crossing for the following reasons:

- 1. The closing of the crossing will limit access to at least eight parcels of land and the residents on those properties. See copies of the section maps, which are attached and marked as **Exhibits 1 and 2** and incorporated by reference.
- 2. The closure of the roads will reduce access of fire and rescue to those parcels.
- 3. The closure of the road will inconvenience residents and mail carriers.
- 4. At the present time, CSX is routinely stopping trains at this crossing. These stoppages have lasted for significant lengths of time. This problem is well known to the residents of the area.
- 5. CSX's real purpose is to use the crossing as a siding so they can park their trains for unlimited amounts of time. The need for CSX to have a siding is not a proper reason to close the crossing. Use as a siding is not listed as a reason to close a crossing under O.R.C. 4907.475.

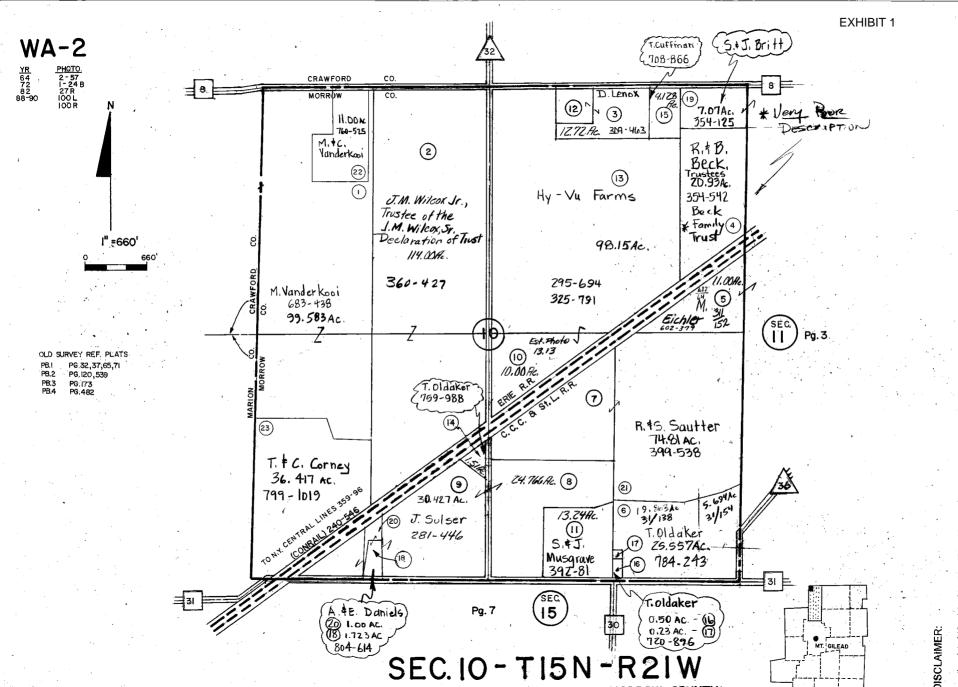
Due to the foregoing reasons the County Prosecutor now requests that the Petition of CSX be denied.

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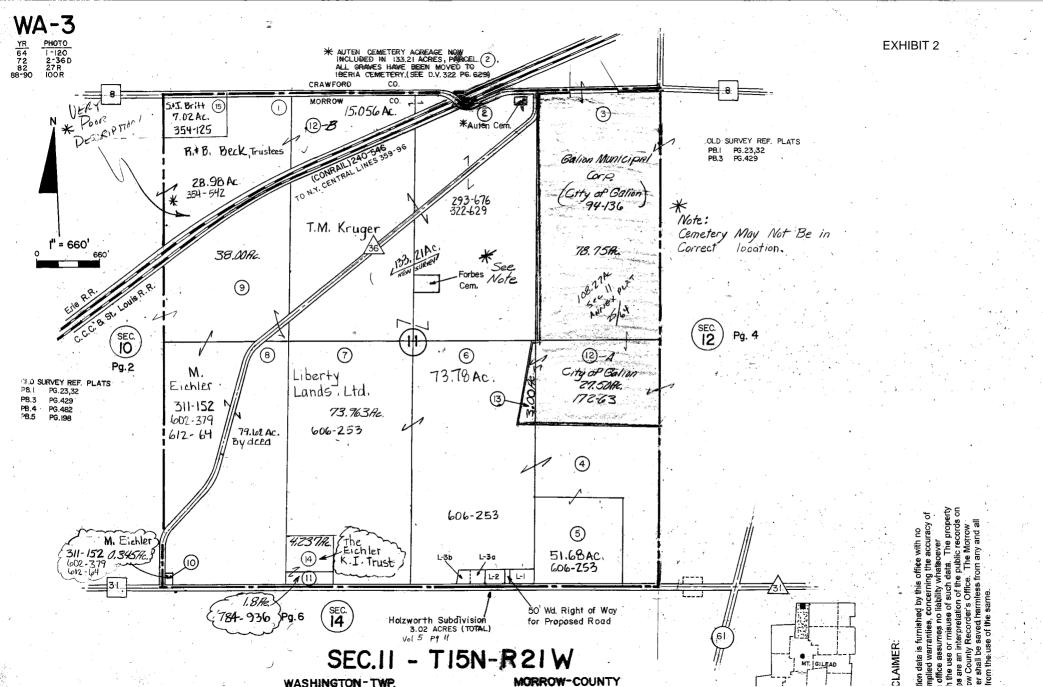
CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

A copy of the foregoing Response was served upon Bryce McKenney, Attorney Examiner for the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio by U.S. Mail to 180 East Broad St., Columbus, Ohio 43215

/s/ Charles S. Howland
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Morrow County Prosecutor



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