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**To:** Docketing Division  
**From:** George Martin, Grade Crossing Planner, Rail Division  
**Re:** PUCO Case No. 14-2035-RR-RCP Additional staff findings  
**Date:** January 7, 2015

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Please docket the attached supplemental information in the above referenced case.

**PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO  
TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT  
RAIL DIVISION**

**Date of Assignment:** 12/03/2014

**Subject:** Down Grade Request for SR 93 Railroad Crossing, Jackson County,  
Ohio South Central Railroad

**DOT No.:** 151-479K

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**FINDINGS**

*The Ohio South Central Railroad has requested State Route 93 railroad crossing to be downgraded.*

State Route 93 is a two lane state highway running in a north-south direction. Two railroad tracks have previously crossed the state highway at grade in an east-west direction. The two railroad tracks have recently been removed from the state highway grade. There are crossbucks that provide passive warning to auto traffic in the northbound and southbound highway lanes.

The Ohio South Central Railroad line that State Route 93 crosses, runs south from Jackson to Oak Hill, has been out of service for several years and has not been maintained for train traffic.

The Ohio South Central Railroad has a derail placed on the mainline just south of Jackson to prevent rail movement across the rail line from Jackson to Oak Hill.

**SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS**

The Ohio South Central Railroad has requested a downgraded status for the State Route 93 railway crossing. The crossing is on a railroad line that is currently out of service and has not seen nor been maintained for train traffic in the last several years. Furthermore the railroad tracks have been removed from the state highway grade. As such there are no known negative impacts that will result in granting the railroad's request for a downgraded crossing.

Joshua Elzey  
PUCO Inspector  
December 4, 2014