

# Memo

TO: Docketing Division

From: Jill Henry, Rail Specialist, Rail Division

Cc: PUCO Legal Department

Date: 10/11/17

Re: PUCO Case No. 16-2457-RR-FED- In the Matter of a Request for the Installation of Active Warning Devices at Ohi-Rail Crossings, DOT#503-473U, Arrow Road/CR 15, & DOT#503-324T, Arbor Road/CR 14, in Carroll County, Ohio.

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On January 11, 2016, the Ohio Rail Development Commission (ORDC) authorized funding for Ohi-Rail Corp.(OHIC) to install lights and gates at the Arrow Road/CR 15, DOT#503-473U, & Arbor Road/CR 14, DOT#503-324T, grade crossings in Carroll County, Ohio. The crossings were surveyed on October 16, 2015 and were found to warrant the upgrades.

On January 25, 2017, the Commission issued a Finding and Order approving the projects and requiring project completion by October 25, 2017.

On October 2, 2017, OHIC filed a request for a 30 day extension. The initial contractor installed the warning devices and put Arbor Road and into service on July 19, 2017. Upon final testing the warning devices did not operate properly. Another contractor was hired to remediate the problem and determined that the original engineering was not correct for both crossings. They are working on finalizing the reengineering and securing the additional components to correct the problems.

Staff recommends the 30 day extension.

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Ms. Jill Henry  
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Dear Ms. Henry:

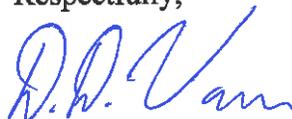
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I have been talking with Jim Tucker about the situation we have at Arrow Road and Arbor Road in Minerva, i.e. the lights and gates installations that are to be completed by October 25, 2017. We had to terminate our contract with Railway Traffic Control (our signal contractor) due to many reasons. The primary reason was we discovered, after RTC completed and tested the project, that the lights and gates did not operate properly. We had low confidence that RTC could remediate the problem, so we brought in an outside consultant who reviewed the original RTC engineering and also the installation. He discovered that the original engineering was not correct.

We are well into the process of reengineering and probable component and wiring replacement to get the systems functioning properly. One problem that has arisen is that the company we are working with, Alstom, just merged with Siemens, another big signal company, and their personnel are in a transition period and difficult to contact. Until we can get with them to finish the engineering and determine what components and extra wiring are needed to straighten out the problem, we can't do much.

I am not sure we can have all of this done before the October 25, 2017 deadline. I am, therefore, requesting a 30-day extension to complete the projects for both grade crossings.

Respectfully,



Denny D. Varian  
General Manager

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