

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

IN THE MATTER OF THE CONSOLIDATION
PROJECT FOR CROSSINGS IN THE VILLAGE
OF BELMORE, PUTNAM COUNTY.

CASE NO. 17-628-RR-FED

ENTRY

Entered in the Journal on April 12, 2018

{¶ 1} On April 12, 2017, the Commission issued a Finding and Order approving the installation by CSX Transportation (CSX) of lights and gates at the Oak Street (DOT# 155744L), Main Street (DOT#155745T), and Ridge Street (DOT#155747G) grade crossings, and closure to vehicles and pedestrians of the Elm Street (DOT#155746A) grade crossing. The Commission ordered completion of the projects by April 12, 2018.

{¶ 2} On March 16, 2018, CSX filed requests to extend the project deadline. CSX explains that it is experiencing limited work crew availability because of federal requirements to implement positive train control (PTC). Consequently, adds CSX, completion of the projects will be delayed. CSX notes that the Elm Street crossing has already been closed and that the Oak Street and Main Street crossings have already been upgraded to flashing lights. CSX seeks a six-month extension to October 12, 2018, to complete the projects.

{¶ 3} On April 11, 2018, Staff filed a memorandum concerning CSX's request. Staff emphasizes that it wants CSX to complete the projects as soon as possible, but notes that after reviewing the priority list determining which grade crossings are most in need of additional protective devices, the highest ranked crossing has been closed and flashing lights have already been installed at two of the other crossings. Staff recommends that the Commission grant CSX's request and direct CSX to complete the projects as soon as possible.

{¶ 4} An attorney examiner is authorized to grant extensions for up to 30 days. *In re 1996 Federal Crossing Protection Program*, Case No. 96-676-RR-FED, Entry (Sept. 19, 1996). Upon review of CSX's application and Staff's recommendation, and in order to give the Commission sufficient time to consider the full request, the attorney examiner finds that a 30-day extension of time should be granted. Unless otherwise authorized, a 30-day extension of time to finish the projects should be granted.

{¶ 5} It is, therefore,

{¶ 6} ORDERED, That CSX be granted a 30-day extension of time to finish the projects. It is, further,

{¶ 7} ORDERED, That, when Staff or ORDC makes its final inspection and finds that the project is completed, Staff file a memorandum in this docket indicating that the project is completed. It is, further,

{¶ 8} ORDERED, That a copy of this Entry be served upon CSX, Ohio Rail Development Commission, mayor of Belmore, and any other interested person of record.

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s/James Lynn

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Summary: Attorney Examiner Entry granting CSX a 30-day extension of time to finish projects electronically filed by Sandra Coffey on behalf of James Lynn, Attorney Examiner, Public Utilities Commission of Ohio