Public Utilities Commission of Ohio

Memo

To: Docketing Division

From: Jill Henry, Rail Specialist, Rail Division

Cc: PUCO Legal Department

Date: 2/8/2019

Re: PUCO Case No. 18-595-RR-FED- In the Matter of a Request for the Installation of Active Warning Devices at the CSX Transportation Inc. Grade Crossing, DOT# 155-774D, on Milton Road/TR 40 in Wood County, Ohio.

On October 25, 2017, the Ohio Rail Development Commission (ORDC) authorized funding for CSX Transportation, Inc. (CSX) to install flashing lights at the Milton Road/TR 40, DOT#155-774D, grade crossing in Wood County, Ohio. The crossing was surveyed, on September 23, 2015, and found to warrant the upgrades.

On May 9, 2018, the Commission approved the project and ordered completion by February 9, 2019.

On January 14, 2019, CSX filed for a 90 day extension. In the request, CSX states that they are working to catch up on projects that were delayed due to PTC (Positive Train Control) projects being completed in 2018.

Construction for this project began, on February 5, 2019, and is scheduled to be completed by mid-March 2019.

ORDC has indicated to Staff that they not opposed to the extension request, but notes that funding is scheduled to expire soon on this project. Staff recommends that the Commission grant only a 60 day extension, since this is a safety project that is up against a federal funding deadline.



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Mr. Don Damron, ORDC Ms. Jill Henry, PUCO Ms. Cathy Stout, ORDC

RE: Case # 18-0595-RR-FED REQUEST FOR 90 DAY EXTENSION

Crossing Location:

Milton, Wood County, OH

Crossing Name:

TR 40 / Milton Road

DOT#

155774D

MP:

101925 BE-172.80

CSXT OP #:

OH1136

REQUEST FOR 90 DAY EXTENSION - Installation of grade crossing warning devices - ORDERED completion date of February 9, 2019

CSX Transportation, Inc. (CSXT) is working diligently during the 1st quarter of this year to catch up on all projects which were delayed during 2018 due to PTC. The goal is to have a firm completion date for all projects by the end of the 1st quarter and to have all projects with original due dates from 2018 completed by June 1, 2019. Amanda DeCesare (Project Manager Public Projects) held a meeting with the CSXT Signal Department on Thursday, January 10, 2019 in an effort to devise a strategy for all open projects to be completed and to alleviate the need for filing multiple extensions for projects after March 31, 2019.

Currently, the team scheduled to complete this project will begin working on project OH1202 (Dunkirk PID 106442) followed by Van Buren OH1185 (PID 105729). Once OH1202 and OH1185 are in-service the team will be progressing to complete projects (Edison OH1165 PID 104633) and (Edison OH166 PID 104629). The anticipated start date for OH1136 Milton is mid April 2019 and anticipated for completion by 5-9-2019.

CSXT formally requests approval of a 90 day extension making the new deadline date May 9, 2019.

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Summary: Response In the Matter of a Request for the Installation of Active Warning Devices at the CSX Transportation Inc. Grade Crossing, DOT# 155-774D, on Milton Road/TR 40 in Wood County, Ohio. electronically filed by Mrs. Jill A Henry on behalf of PUCO/Rail Division