

Memo

To: Docketing Division

From: Jill Henry, Rail Specialist, Rail Division

Cc: PUCO Legal Department

Date: 3/7/2022

Re: PUCO Case No. 20-1657-RR-FED- In the Matter of a Request for the Installation of Active Warning Devices at the Columbus & Ohio River Railroad Crossing, DOT#517-370K, TR 255 in Coshocton County, Ohio.

On August 20, 2019, the Ohio Rail Development Commission (ORDC) authorized funding for the Columbus & Ohio River Railroad (CUOH) to install flashing lights and gates at the TR 255 (DOT#517-370K) grade crossing in Coshocton County, Ohio. The crossing was surveyed, on April 17, 2019, and was found to warrant the upgrade.

On December 2, 2020, the Commission approved the project and ordered completion by September 2, 2021.

On March 25, 2020 the Commission suspended all project completion deadlines for the duration of the emergency regarding Covid 19 (Case# 20-591-RR-AU-UNC). Project construction during the pandemic has continued, but manpower and material delays have been occurring. On July 28, 2021, the Commission terminated the emergency order. There are a number of projects that are past the original completion order date that are not complete.

On August 30, 2021, CUOH filed for a 6-month extension until March 2, 2022. In the request, CUOH stated there have been project delays due to easement issues with AEP. On November 3, 2021, the Commission approved the extension request. The easement issues have since be resolved, but material supply issues are now a concern.

On March 2, 2022, CUOH requested a 2nd extension until June 14, 2022 (see attached). In this request, CUOH states that material supply issues have led to further project delays, but that construction is now tentatively planned to start on March 14, 2022.

Staff discussed this issue with ORDC and they are supportive of the extension request. Staff finds that CUOH is working to complete this project. Staff recommends the extension request be approved.



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March 2, 2022

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RE: The Columbus & Ohio River Railroad Crossing DOT# 517 370K, TR 255, Newcomerstown, Coshocton County, Ohio; PID# 110492; Case 20-1657-RR-FED.

Dear Commission Members:

On behalf of the Columbus & Ohio River Railroad Company, I am requesting an extension to the March 2, 2022, project deadline. Due to industry-wide supply chain issues, material necessary for the advanced warning system has not been readily available and the project has stalled. The contractor has recently provided an update indicating the materials are now available, and the tentative start date is now March 14, 2022. The Columbus & Ohio River Railroad respectfully requests that an extension in the construction be granted until June 14, 2022.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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