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From: George Martin, Grade Crossing Planner, Rail Division

Re: PUCO Case No. 06-457-RR-FED Request by CSX Transportation for an extension of time to complete four grade crossing warning device projects in the City of Oxford, Butler County

Date: March 19, 2007

By its Entry dated April 10, 2006 the Commission ordered CSX Transportation (CSX) to install active warning devices at East Chestnut Street, DOT# 154-079C, SR 732/Main Street, DOT# 154-080W, West Central Avenue, DOT# 154-081D, and West Spring Street, DOT# 154-083S, City of Oxford, Butler County by April 10, 2007.

By letter dated March 16, 2007 CSX filed in this docket a request for a 30-day extension of time to complete these grade crossing projects. CSX states as its reasons for the extension request following:

- 1) There are a total of seven grade crossings in Oxford, including those at issue in this case on the CSX mainline in Oxford. The warning device design for constant warning time had to be mutually compatible for all seven grade crossings on this line.
- 2) Indecision about the warning design by the Ohio Rail Development Commission (ORDC) staff, CSX, and the design contractor, Safetran, resulted in a delay of ten weeks during the design phase. An acceptable design and detailed estimate were released to ORDC on September 29, 2006. ORDC did not issue construction approval to CSX until November 3, 2006.
- 3) CSX estimates that the crossings could be placed in service as early as April 5, 2007, but due to a necessary power line relocation at the Main and East Chestnut Street locations, it asks for the additional 30 days to complete these projects.

CSX has kept staff apprised of all the above issues in regularly scheduled phone conferences, and the week prior to the extension request had notified staff by phone that this request would be forthcoming. Staff feels that the request is timely and well made, and should be granted.

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