

**Public Utilities  
Commission of Ohio**

# Memo

**To:** Docketing Division

**From:** George Martin, Grade Crossing Planner, Rail Division

**Re:** PUCO Case No. 10-821-RR-FED, Request by the Cleveland Commercial Railroad for an extension of time to complete a consolidation project in Cuyahoga County

**Date:** June 20, 2011

By its Entry dated June 30, 2010, the Commission ordered the Cleveland Commercial Railroad (CCRL) to close to vehicular and pedestrian traffic the Monroe St (474968S) and S Park St (475-969Y) grade crossings in the City of Bedford, Cuyahoga County. In exchange for the closures, the crossings at Powers St (524342Y), Willis St (475971A), and N Park St (475970T) would be upgraded with new mast mounted flashing lights and roadway gates, along with traffic preemption of the highway signals at Powers St. These projects were ordered to be in service by June 30, 2011.

On June 2, 2011, CCRL filed in this docket a request for an indefinite extension of time to complete this project. CCRL stated that the Ohio Rail Development Commission (ORDC) had yet to approve the plans and estimates originally submitted on September 8, 2010, and revised on March 14, 2011.

On June 16, 2011, ORDC filed in this docket a memorandum in support of CCRL's request. ORDC stated the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) and the Ohio office of the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) are performing a program review of all ORDC projects. This is resulting in a delay on many of the already authorized projects.

Staff recommends that the Commission grant a six month extension of the deadline to CCRL, and would request that CCRL file a monthly status update which communicates the progress being on this consolidation project. If necessary, CCRL may file a further request for an extension of time upon good cause.

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