BEFORE

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

In the Matter of the Authorization of the) Chicago, Ft. Wayne & Eastern Railway to) Install Active Grade Crossing Warning) Devices in Van Wert County.)

Case No. 10-2309-RR-FED

ENTRY

The Commission finds:

- (1) By entry of October 22, 2010, the Commission ordered the Chicago, Ft. Wayne & Eastern Railway (CFE) to install mast-mounted flashing lights and roadway gates at the Shannon Street/State Route 118 grade crossing, (523-451Y), located in the city of Van Wert, Van Wert County, on or before October 22, 2011. This project was ordered in conjunction with a road widening project of the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) and, rather than relocate the existing flashing lights, new devices were recommended, including roadway gates.
- (2) On October 13, 2011, CFE filed a request for an extension of time, until March 23, 2012, to complete the project. According to CFE, finalization of ODOT's roadway plans was delayed and the Ohio Rail Development Commission (ORDC) did not issue construction authorization for the project until August 29, 2011. In addition, CFE states that, because the vendor selection process typically takes six to seven months, this necessitates the extension request until March 23, 2012.
- (3) On October 14, 2011, staff filed a memorandum recommending that CFE's extension request be granted. By entry of October 19, 2011, CFE was granted a 30-day extension of time in order that the Commission consider the request. Upon review, the Commission finds that CFE's extension request until March 23, 2012, is reasonable and should be granted. Accordingly, the deadline for completion of this project should be extended to March 23, 2012. Staff should monitor the work at this crossing to insure that the project is completed with as little delay as possible.

It is, therefore,

ORDERED, That CFE's extension request be granted and that CFE complete the project by March 23, 2012. It is, further,

ORDERED, That copies of this entry be served upon CFE, ORDC, Van Wert Engineer, Ohio Department of Transportation District 1, AEP, and any other interested person of record.

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

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