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To: Docketing Division
From: George Martin, Grade Crossing Planner, Rail Division
Re: In the matter of the authorization of CSX Transportation to install an active grade crossing warning device in Hardin County
Date: April 15, 2014

The Ohio Rail Development Commission (ORDC) has authorized funding for CSX Transportation (CSX) to install **mast-mounted flashing lights and gates** at Hardin County, near Mt Victory, Hale Township, TR 217, DOT# 518381B. The crossing was surveyed due to its hazard ranking on May 13, 2013, and was found to warrant the upgrade.

The project will be paid for with federal funds, and is actual cost. As the plan and estimate for the project has been submitted and approved, staff requests a Finding & Order with completion due in nine months. Construction may commence at once. Staff requests that the following language be incorporated in the Entry:

It is expected that all work necessary for FHWA acceptance of the warning devices will be completed by the in-service due date and that the railroad will be responsible for this work. This work includes, but is not limited to:

**Any ancillary work to make the warning devices function as designed and visible to the roadway user, and
MUTCD compliance, including minor roadway work if necessary.**

A suggested case coding and heading would be:

PUCO Case No. 14- **593** -RR-FED In the matter of the authorization of CSX Transportation to install an active grade crossing warning device in Hardin County

C: Legal Department

Please serve the following parties of record.

Ms Cathy Stout

Ohio Rail Development Commission

1980 W Broad St, Mailstop # 3140

Columbus, Oh 43223

Ms Amanda DeCeasare

CSX Transportation

1717 Dixie Hwy, Ste 400

Ft Wright, Ky 41011

Hale Township Trustees

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**OHIO RAIL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
INTER-OFFICE COMMUNICATION**

TO: Randall Schumacher, Supervisor, Rail Division, PUCO
FROM: Cathy Stout, Manager, Safety Section, ORDC
BY: Don Damron, Project Manager, ORDC
SUBJECT: Hardin County, TR 217 / CSX Transportation
DOT# 518381B
PID# 96089
DATE: April 9, 2014

The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio established a Diagnostic Review Team Survey at the subject highway/railroad crossing location on 5/13/13. The Ohio Rail Development Commission (ORDC) attended the Diagnostic Survey. The Diagnostic Review Team recommended the improvement of warning devices to flashing lights and roadway gates. Copies of the Diagnostic Review Team Survey form and the railroad plan and estimate are attached.

The PE has already been provided by the railroad. ORDC approves the site plans and estimates as provided. Please issue a construction-only order for the project outlined above. This authorization is made with the stipulation and understanding that an approved estimate may contain entries for items or activities that may be cited and found to be ineligible for federal participation during the project audit.

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- any ancillary work to make warning devices function as designed and visible to the roadway user, and
- MUTCD compliance – including minor roadway work if necessary.

Thank you for your assistance with these matters.

Attachments:

Diagnostic Review Team Survey dated 5/13/13
Force Account Estimate dated 3/13/14
Proposed Crossing Layout – PE Approved Plan

c: George Martin, PUCO
ORDC Project Manager (file)



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April 9, 2014

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RE: Grade Crossing Warning Device Improvement – Construction Authorization
Hardin County, TR 217
DOT# 518381B
PID# 96089
CSX ACCT. CODE: OH0948

Dear Ms. DeCesare:

The Force Account Estimate dated 3/13/2014 and the Proposed Crossing Layout for the referenced project have been reviewed and are acceptable. CSX Transportation may proceed with the construction of the proposed grade crossing warning system in accordance with the abbreviated plan. This authorization is made with the stipulation and understanding that the approved estimate may contain entries for items or activities that may be cited and found to be ineligible for federal participation during the project audit. Reimbursement of eligible actual cost is limited to \$308,805.00. Additional costs must be approved in writing by the Ohio Rail Development Commission (ORDC) prior to being incurred. Emergency verbal authorizations by ORDC may be permitted and will be confirmed by ORDC in writing within ten (10) business days of the verbal approval.

This authorization is contingent upon CSX Transportation accepting the following instructions:

1. CSX's project foreman will furnish written notification five (5) working days prior to the date work will start at the project site to Don Damron, ORDC, Mail Stop #3140, 1980 West Broad Street, 2nd Floor, Columbus Ohio 43223, or email don.damron@dot.state.oh.us, or Fax 614-728-4520, (phone: 614-466-2509; cell phone: 614-917-8466), and to the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio at George.martin@puc.state.oh.us (phone 614-752-9107). The CSX project foreman will also notify the same of any stops and re-starts of the work activity and of the date work was completed for the project.
2. CSX will arrange for utilities to be located at the project site by the Ohio Utilities Protection Service (OUPS) prior to any construction activities at the site. Utilities that are not participating members of the service must be contacted directly by CSX.



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3. CSX 's project foremen will notify Don Damron at 614-917-8466 (cell phone) or don.damron@dot.state.oh.us (email) of any changes in the scope of work, cost overruns, material changes, etc. which are not included in the approved plan and estimate and secure approval of same before the work is performed.
4. CSX will furnish two (2) copies of each partial bill to ORDC. Please find the enclosed ODOT Purchase Order to reference when billing.
5. CSX will furnish two (2) copies of the final all-inclusive bill to ORDC stating the exact dates of starting and completing work, the initial and final dates of construction and location where the accounts may be audited.

Thank you for your assistance with these matters.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Donald J. Damron", written in a cursive style.

Donald J. Damron
Project Manager

C: Randall Schumacher, Supervisor, Rail Division, PUCO
George Martin, Grade Crossing Planner, PUCO
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