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Memo PUCO

To: Docketing Division
From: Jill Henry, Rail Specialist, Rail Division *JH*
Cc: PUCO Legal Department
Date: 8/15/14

Re: PUCO Case No. 14/275-RR-STP- In the matter of a request for Wheeling & Lake Erie Railroad to install active grade crossing warning devices at Guilford Blvd. (DOT#002-090H), in Medina County, Ohio.

On February 20, 2014, Commission Staff (PUCO), Wheeling & Lake Erie Railroad (WE), and the City of Medina (LHA) entered into an agreement (attached) whereby active grade crossing warning devices would be installed in the City of Medina, at Guilford Boulevard (DOT#002-090H).

On March 12, 2014, the Commission issued a Finding and Order approving the project, requiring plans and estimates by June 10, 2014, and ordering project completion by March 12, 2015.

On June 4, 2014, WE filed with the Rail Division plans and estimates for the project.

The plans and estimates submitted by WE have been reviewed and authorization is recommended. (See attached documentation.)

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August 15, 2014

Mr. Tim Andrews
Wheeling & Lake Erie Railway Company
Signals & Communications Supervisor
100 E. First Street
Brewster, Ohio 44613

Re: WE Grade Crossing,
Guilford Blvd. (DOT#002-090H)

Mr. Andrews:

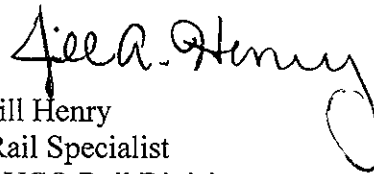
Wheeling and Lake Erie Railroad (WE) is now authorized to proceed with field construction for the above referenced project. This authorization is contingent upon accepting the following:

- 1) WE will make any adjustments to the plans noted in the field report docketed August 15, 2014 (Attached).
- 2) WE will provide PUCO Staff with the final estimates and the material package itemization once bidding for the material package is complete.
- 3) WE will furnish e-mail, fax, or phone notification five (5) working days prior to the date work will start at the project site. Notification to be made to Jill Henry, PUCO, at E-MAIL jill.henry@puc.state.oh.us, FAX 614-995-5535, or PHONE 614-466-0435.
- 4) WE will arrange for utilities to be relocated and/or dropped (as soon as possible) at the project site through the applicable utility company.
- 5) WE 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 OUPS service must be contacted directly by WE.
- 6) WE's project foreman will notify the PUCO Railroad Inspector of any changes in the scope of work, cost overruns, material changes, etc. which are not included in the approved plan and estimates and secure approval of same before the work is performed.
- 7) WE will furnish three (3) copies of each partial bill to the PUCO.

- 8) WE will furnish three (3) copies of the final-inclusive bill to PUCO stating that exact dates of starting and completing work, the initial and final dates of construction and location where the accounts may be audited.
- 9) WE will furnish as-built detailed circuit plans directly to the PUCO.
- 10) WE is to schedule and complete the subject project by March 12, 2015. If any extraordinary circumstances unique to this project occur, please notify the Commission's rail staff immediately.

Thank you for you cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,



Jill Henry
Rail Specialist
PUCO Rail Division

Enclosure

cc: File

**PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO
TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT
RAIL DIVISION**

Date of Assignment: June 10, 2014

Subject: Plans and estimates review for active warning devices at rail grade crossing Guilford Blvd. (DOT#002-090H), Wheeling and Lake Erie Railroad (WE), Medina, Ohio, Medina County

DOT #: 002-090H

FINDINGS

On June 4, 2014, the plans and estimates for the above mentioned crossing were received from Wheeling & Lake Erie Railroad. They were reviewed by Shawn Zurfley, PUCO/FRA Rail Inspector and Jill Henry, PUCO Rail Specialist.

Guilford Blvd.

Guilford Blvd. is a 2-lane roadway traveling Northeast/Southwest and intersecting a single track of WE traveling Northwest/Southeast. Existing warning devices consist advanced warning signs, pavement markings, flashers, bells, and crossbucks.

In reviewing the site plans & estimates, Staff requested the following additional information from WE and received the responses as noted below.

- 1) Can the bungalow be installed 25' from the nearest rail instead of 15' as indicated on the plans in the NW quadrant?

Answer: WE originally responded that the change could be made, but a retaining wall and more fill material would be needed. Upon further investigation of the site, it was determined that it would be better to move the bungalow to the SW quadrant.

The SW quadrant has a storm drain issue that needed to be reviewed. Staff contacted the City of Medina and it was determined that we would move forward with plan and estimate approvals while the City evaluates the situation in the SW quadrant.

SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS

We reviewed the plans and preliminary estimates for the proposed project. The plans appear to be fundamentally correct and need to be updated to reflect the installation of the bungalow in the SW quadrant. WE will need to provide Staff a new set of plans for the site layout and a finalized copy of the project estimates and material package itemization once bidding for the material package is complete. Construction authorization should be granted for this project.

Jill Henry
PUCO Rail Specialist
Date: August 15, 2014