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**Public Utilities  
Commission of Ohio**

# Memo

**To:** Docketing Division

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

**Re:** PUCO Case No. 12-2205-RR-FED, Request of the Wheeling & Lake Erie Railway for an extension of time to complete a corridor project in the City of Canton, Stark County

**Date:** August 13, 2014

By its Finding & Order dated August 15, 2012, the Commission ordered the Wheeling & Lake Erie Railway (WE) to upgrade 14 crossings in the City of Canton, Stark County, on or before February 17, 2014. This is a complex project involving overlapping circuitry and traffic preemption in addition to the installation flashing lights and roadway gates. Subsequent extensions established a deadline of September 17, 2014.

On August 29, 2014, WE filed in the docket a request for an additional extension of time, until October 31, 2014, to complete the project. As stated in its prior request, the railroad has completed all of the work that can be completed, short of four crossings that are awaiting traffic signal preemption that needs to be completed by the City. The City of Canton has stated to WE that they are experiencing a delay in the shipping of signal cabinets and indicator panels for the project, and are now behind by six weeks.

Due to the fact that the City portion of this project is beyond the control of WE, staff recommends that the Commission grant this request.

C: Legal Department

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