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Public Utilities Commission of Ohio Rail Division 180 East Broad Street Columbus OH 43215

Dear Sir or Madam:

The purpose of this letter is to make application for the abandonment and removal the $fate \mathbb{R}$ Route 183 highway grade crossing located just south of Minerva at Pekin. The grade crossing \mathbb{R} (AAR/DOT # 503479K) is located on the Summitville Tile industrial spur and has been out of service for several years. I recently contacted the Summitville Tile Minerva plant supervisor who indicated that the company has no plans to resume rail shipments in the foreseeable future. Since Summitville Tile is the only industry on this track, Ohi-Rail has no need for its use.

Resurfacing of State Route 183 south of Minerva is planned for the summer of 2015, and if the abandonment of the crossing if approved, ODOT would be able to remove the crossing in conjunction with the resurfacing.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (740) 610-1435.

Dennis D. Varian General Manager

cc: Richard Delatore Elaine Smith

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