

BEFORE

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

In the Matter of a Request for Wheeling     )  
& Lake Erie Railway to Install Active     )  
Grade Crossing Warning Devices in the     )  
City of Medina, at Guilford Boulevard     )     Case No. 14-275-RR-STP  
(DOT#002-090H), in Medina County,     )  
Ohio.     )

ENTRY

The Commission finds:

- (1) On March 12, 2014, the Commission issued a Finding and Order approving a subsidy stipulation between the Commission, the Wheeling & Lake Erie Railway (WLE) and the city of Medina (LHA) in Medina County, Ohio. The stipulation specifies terms of the parties' agreement for installation of active grade crossing warning devices in the city of Medina, at Guilford Boulevard (DOT#002-090H). The Commission ordered completion of the project by March 12, 2015.
- (2) On February 20, 2015, WLE filed a request for a 90-day extension of time to complete the project. WLE explains that it has been unable to establish a schedule because the soil is frozen, preventing it from digging prior to placement of conduits and a foundation. WLE adds that it is still waiting for a container to arrive with the necessary materials for the project. According to WLE, it has been informed that the container should arrive during the first week in April.
- (3) Staff filed a memo on February 24, 2015, regarding WLE's request. Staff notes that on June 4, 2014, WLE filed with the Commission's Rail Division site plans and cost estimates for the project, and that construction authorization was granted on August 14, 2014. Staff adds that it has discussed the matter with WLE and the city of Medina and determined that additional drainage work, to be completed by the city of Medina, may be necessary on the west side of the crossing. Staff asserts that the drainage work would best be completed in warmer weather and recommends that the Commission grant the request.

- (4) Upon review of WLE's request and Staff's remarks, the Commission finds WLE's request for more time to be reasonable. Therefore, WLE's request for a 90-day extension of time, until June 12, 2015, to complete the project should be granted. WLE should expedite work on this project and follow all standard railroad crossing safety protocol to ensure the protection of the traveling public at this crossing. In addition, Staff should monitor the work at the project to ensure completion within the newly ordered timeframe.

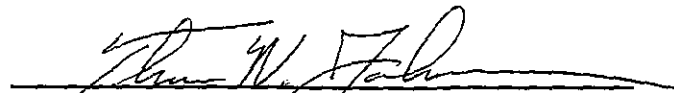
It is, therefore,

ORDERED, That WLE's request for an extension of time to complete the project is granted in accordance with finding (4). It is, further,

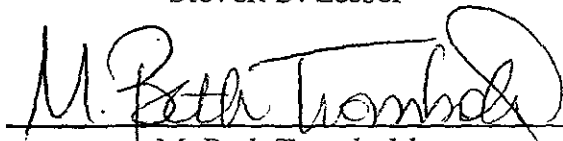
ORDERED, That WLE complete the project by June 12, 2015. It is, further,

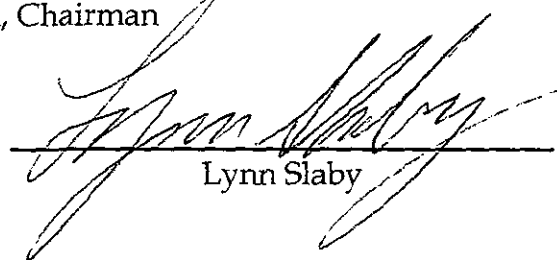
ORDERED, That copies of this Entry be served upon WLE, the City Engineer for the city of Medina, Ohio Edison, and any other interested person of record.


THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

  
Thomas W. Johnson, Chairman

  
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