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George Martin
Rail Division
Public Utilities Commission of Ohio
180 East Broad Street
Columbus, Ohio 43215

RE: Request for Exemption of Requirement for Hazmat Vehicles to Stop Prior to Crossing, State Route 39, East End of East Liverpool, OH

Dear Mr. Martin:

Marathon Petroleum Company LP ("MPC") hereby formally requests that PUCO identify the Route 39 railroad crossing, located due east of East Liverpool, Ohio, as EXEMPT from the Hazmat vehicle stopping requirement. MPC initiated conversations with Norfolk Southern, who has verbally acknowledged that this crossing constitutes an unnecessary traffic safety concern for all Hazmat vehicles. Further, Norfolk Southern indicated they support MPC's exemption request.

MPC operates a fleet of petroleum transport vehicles that frequently must navigate this non-operational rail crossing. MPC is required to stop at this crossing, which creates a traffic hazard and the potential for vehicle accidents. Because this crossing does not present a traffic safety concern, MPC requests that PUCO identify this crossing as EXEMPT from the Hazmat vehicle-stopping requirement.

Please let me know if you need additional information to make your determination. Or, if you would like to speak with me regarding this request, please let me know.

Very truly yours,



Joshua S. Carter

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cc: G. Garrison
G. F. Herold

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