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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. 16-1549-RR-RCP  
**Date:** July 25, 2016



Please docket the attached staff report in the above referenced case.

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**A report by the Staff of the  
Public Utilities Commission of Ohio**

PUCO Case No 16-1549-RR-RCP

In the Matter of the Petition by the Lucas County Engineer for Exempt Crossing  
Designations at seven Toledo, Lake Erie & Western Railway grade crossings in  
Lucas County, Ohio

July 25, 2016

## INTRODUCTION

### Rail Division

The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO) works with local highway authorities and communities to provide safety for the citizens of Ohio at highway-railroad grade crossings.

The PUCO has the statutory authority to regulate and promote the welfare and safety of railroad employees and the traveling public pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 4905.471; and

The PUCO has the authority to close public at grade crossings pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Sections 4907.474 and 4907.475. The sections set forth a variety of factors to be considered by the Commission in determining whether there is a demonstrable need for any public grade crossing to exist and whether any such crossing could be closed to vehicular traffic, pedestrian traffic, or both and the travel over the grade crossing diverted to other grade crossings.

The PUCO is responsible for evaluating public highway-railroad grade crossings to determine the need for upgrading the warning devices and apportioning the cost thereof pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 4907.471.

The PUCO has the authority under Ohio Revised Code Section 4511.63 (B) to declare a grade crossing exempt, whereby vehicles normally required to stop at a grade crossing under that title and Code of Federal Regulations Title 49, 392.10 would be able to proceed through the crossing without stopping.

The PUCO enforces all aspects of the Federal Railroad Administration regulations through inspections and evaluations of Ohio's public highway-railroad grade crossings.

**I. DESCRIPTION OF APPLICANT**

The Lucas County Engineer's office is the local highway authority with jurisdiction over the seven petitioned crossings at-grade with the Toledo, Lake Erie & Western Railway (TLEW).

## **II. PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

On July 11, 2016, Ronald Myers, Lucas County Engineer's office, filed in this docket a request for the following grade crossings to be designated "exempt" under 4511.63 Ohio Revised Code:

475268K, Grand Rapids Rd/CR 1577

475266W, Jeffers Rd/ CR 111

475267D, Ludwig Rd/CR 1576

475257X, Heller Rd/CR 151

475256R, Box Rd/CR 146

475254C, Hertzfeld Rd/CR 221

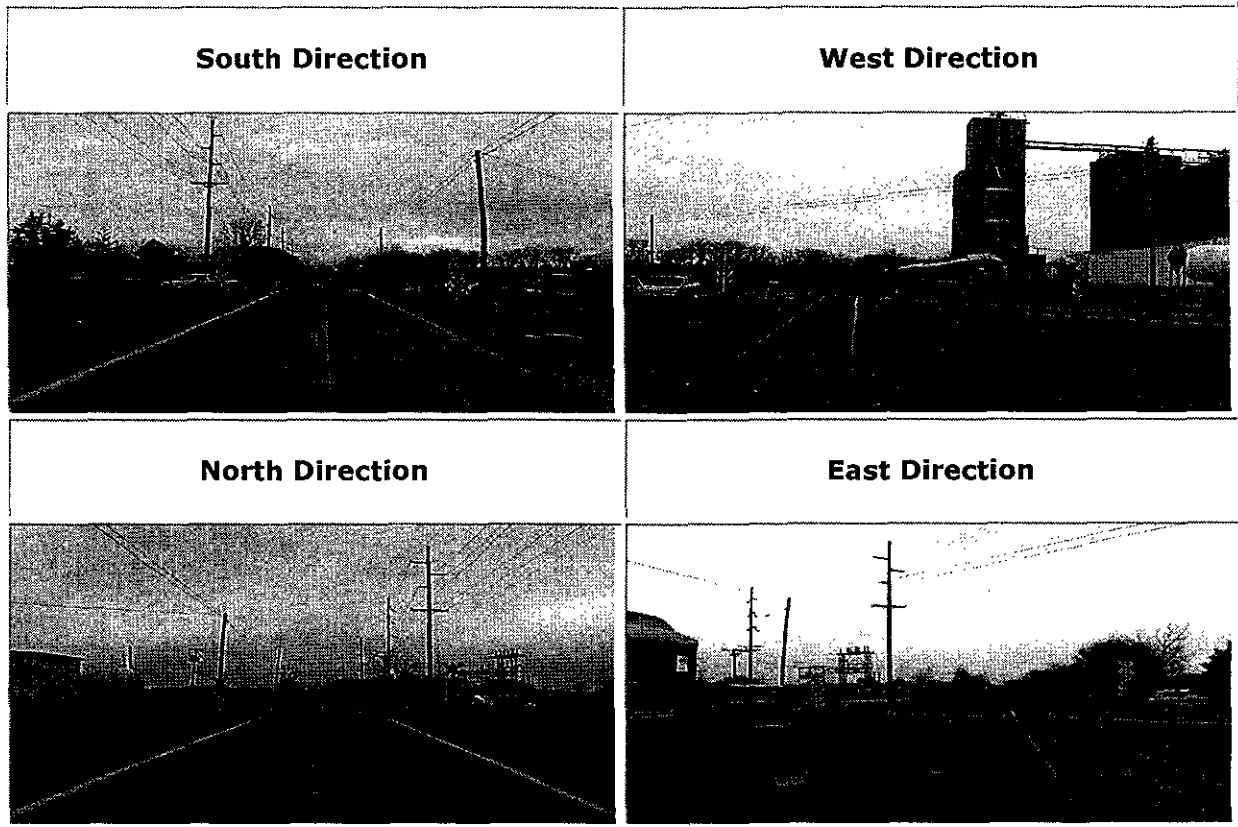
475252N, Neowash Rd/CR 143

III. Database photos



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Record ID: **1424**



| Site Information    |         |
|---------------------|---------|
| AARDOT:             | 475268K |
| AARDOT Source:      | Field   |
| Adj. AARDOT:        |         |
| Adj. AARDOT Source: | Field   |
| Survey Site ID:     | LUC041  |

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|--|---|
| <b>Init. Agency for Change:</b>                | State                                       |
| <b>Reason for Change:</b>                      | Updated Record                              |
| <b>Effective Date:</b>                         | Oct 30 2012 12:00AM                         |
| <b>Railroad Information</b>                    |   |
| <b>Operating RR:</b>                           | Toledo, Lake Erie & Westen Railway (scenic) |
| <b>Division:</b>                               | WESTERN                                     |
| <b>Sub-Division:</b>                           | FORT WAYNE                                  |
| <b>Branch/Line Name:</b>                       | DELPHOS DIST.                               |
| <b>Milepost:</b>                               | 23.77                                       |
| <b>Railroad ID:</b>                            |   |
| <b>Nearest Time Table Station:</b>             |   |
| <b>Parent RR Company:</b>                      | TLEW  |
| <b>Crossing Owner:</b>                         | TLEW  |
| <b>Location and Classification Information</b> |   |
| <b>County:</b>                                 | LUCAS                                       |
| <b>(Nearest) City:</b>                         | GRAND RAPIDS                                |
| <b>Street:</b>                                 | GRAND RAPIDS RD                             |
| <b>Highway and SLM:</b>                        | CR1577                                      |
| <b>High Speed Corridor:</b>                    |   |
| <b>County Map Ref. Number:</b>                 |   |
| <b>ODOT NLF ID:</b>                            | CLUCCR01577**C                              |
| <b>Latitude:</b>                               | 41.4187604                                  |
| <b>Longitude:</b>                              | -83.8602507                                 |
| <b>Elevation (ft):</b>                         | 660.0664                                    |
| <b>Crossing Type:</b>                          | Public                                      |
| <b>Position:</b>                               | At-Grade                                    |
| <b>Emergency Contact:</b>                      |   |
| <b>Railroad Contact:</b>                       |   |
| <b>State Contact:</b>                          |   |
| <b>LHA:</b>                                    | LUCAS COUNTY                                |

|                        |               |
|------------------------|---------------|
| <b>LHA2:</b>           |               |
| <b>Dev. Type:</b>      | Residential   |
| <b>Crossing Angle:</b> | 30-59 Degrees |
| <b>Main Tracks:</b>    | 2             |
| <b>Other Tracks:</b>   | 1             |
| <b>Lanes:</b>          | 2             |

#### Warning Devices

|                              |   |
|------------------------------|---|
| <b>Crossbucks, Standard:</b> | 0 |
| <b>Crossbucks, Buckeye:</b>  | 2 |
| <b>Lights, Mast Mounted:</b> | 0 |
| <b>Lights, Cantilevered:</b> | 0 |
| <b>Lights, Other:</b>        | 0 |
| <b>Gates:</b>                | 0 |

#### Traffic Information

|                              |                     |
|------------------------------|---------------------|
| <b>Day Thru Trains:</b>      | 1                   |
| <b>Day Switching Trains:</b> | 0                   |
| <b>Night Thru Trains:</b>    | 0                   |
| <b>Night Switch Trains:</b>  | 0                   |
| <b>Date of Train Count:</b>  | Jun 13 2003 12:00AM |
| <b>Highway AADT:</b>         | 638                 |
| <b>Date of AADT:</b>         | 2008                |

#### Highway Information

|  |                   |
|--|-------------------|
| <b>Distance to Nearest Intersection:</b> | 77                |
| <b>Type of Intersection:</b>             | Residential Drive |
| <b>Number of HW-HW Intersections:</b>    | 0                 |

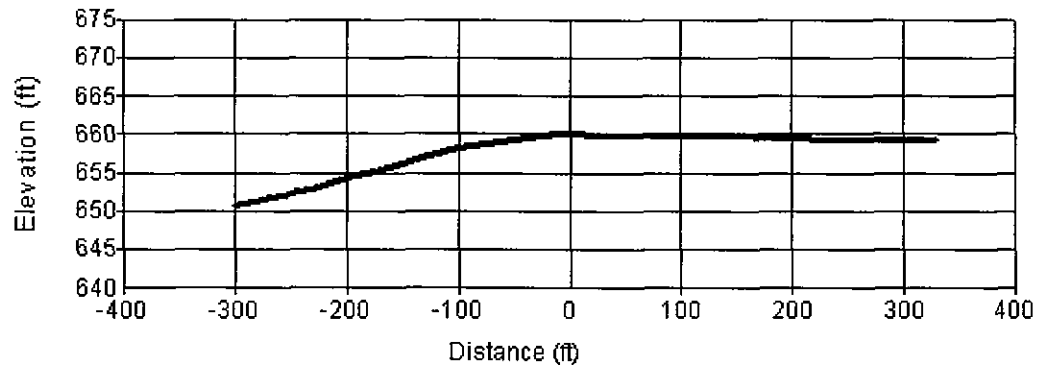
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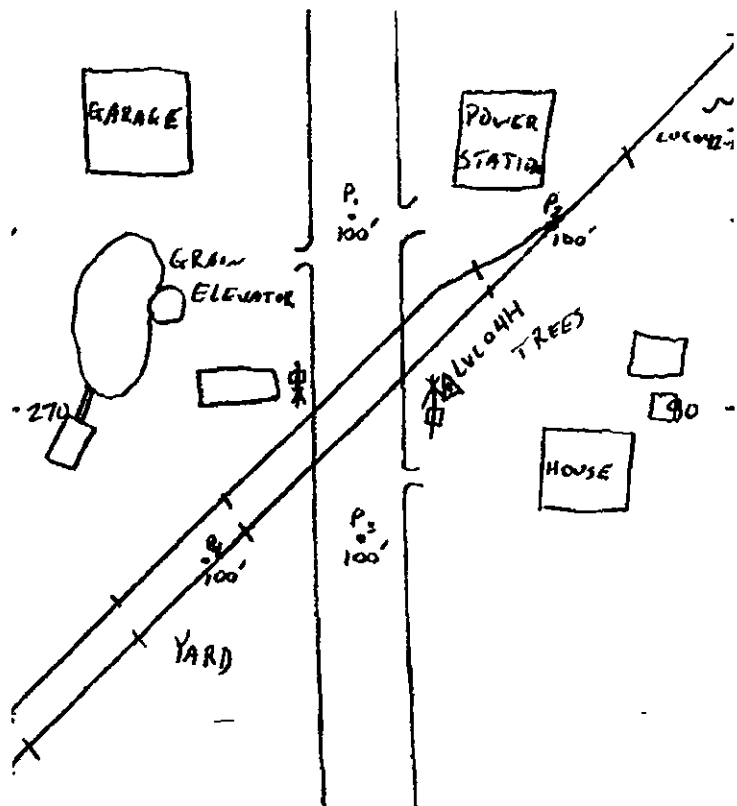
### Site Comments

No comments.

Standard Profile



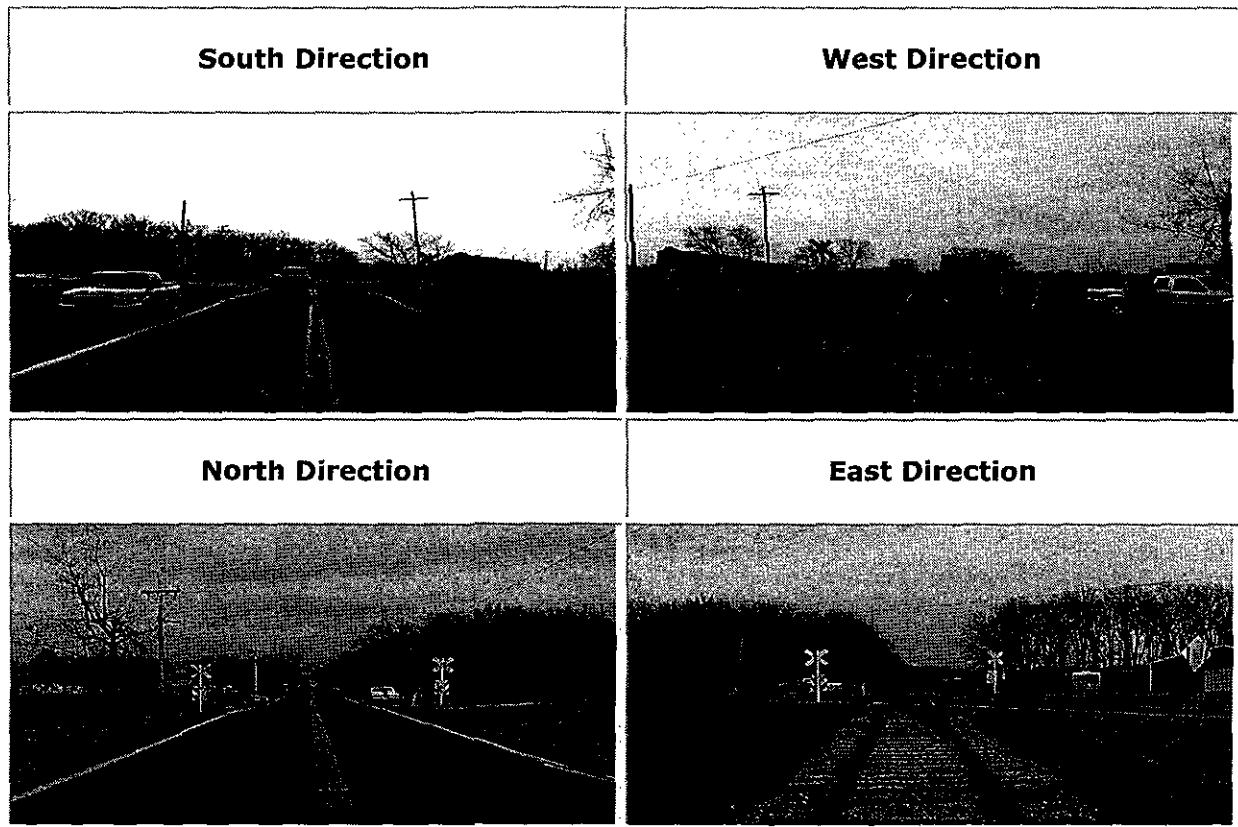
# Site Sketch





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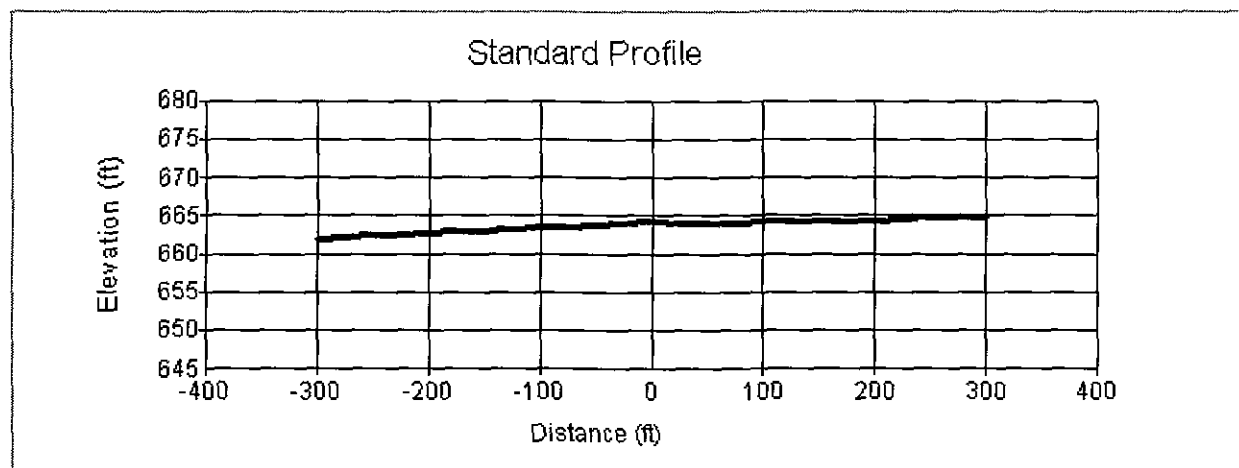
| Site Information         |                     |
|--------------------------|---------------------|
| AARDOT:                  | 475266W             |
| AARDOT Source:           | Field               |
| Adj. AARDOT:             |                     |
| Adj. AARDOT Source:      | Field               |
| Survey Site ID:          | LUC043              |
| Init. Agency for Change: | State               |
| Reason for Change:       | Updated Record      |
| Effective Date:          | Jul 25 2016 12:00AM |

| Railroad Information                    |   |
|---|---|
| Operating RR:                           | Toledo, Lake Erie & Westen Railway (scenic) |
| Division:                               | WESTERN                                     |
| Sub-Division:                           | FORT WAYNE                                  |
| Branch/Line Name:                       | DELPHOS DIST.                               |
| Milepost:                               | 23.26                                       |
| Railroad ID:                            |   |
| Nearest Time Table Station:             |   |
| Parent RR Company:                      | TLEW  |
| Crossing Owner:                         | TLEW  |
| Location and Classification Information |   |
| County:                                 | LUCAS                                       |
| (Nearest) City:                         | GRAND RAPIDS                                |
| Street:                                 | JEFFERS RD                                  |
| Highway and SLM:                        | CR 111                                      |
| High Speed Corridor:                    |   |
| County Map Ref. Number:                 |   |
| ODOT NLF ID:                            | CLUCCR01576**C                              |
| Latitude:                               | 41.4243967                                  |
| Longitude:                              | -83.8538602                                 |
| Elevation (ft):                         | 664.2224                                    |
| Crossing Type:                          | Public                                      |
| Position:                               | At-Grade                                    |
| Emergency Contact:                      |   |
| Railroad Contact:                       |   |
| State Contact:                          |   |
| LHA:                                    | LUCAS COUNTY                                |
| LHA2:                                   |   |
| Dev. Type:                              | Commercial                                  |
| Crossing Angle:                         | 30-59 Degrees                               |

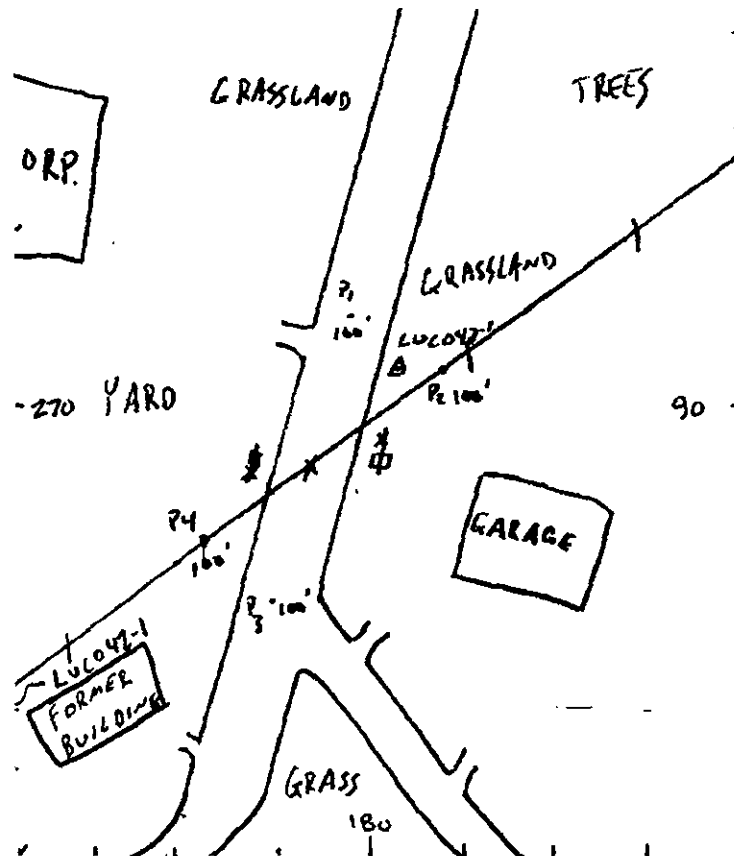
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|--|---------------------|
| <b>Main Tracks:</b>                      | 1                   |
| <b>Other Tracks:</b>                     | 0                   |
| <b>Lanes:</b>                            | 2                   |
| <b>Warning Devices</b>                   |                     |
| <b>Crossbucks, Standard:</b>             | 0                   |
| <b>Crossbucks, Buckeye:</b>              | 2                   |
| <b>Lights, Mast Mounted:</b>             | 0                   |
| <b>Lights, Cantilevered:</b>             | 0                   |
| <b>Lights, Other:</b>                    | 0                   |
| <b>Gates:</b>                            | 0                   |
| <b>Traffic Information</b>               |                     |
| <b>Day Thru Trains:</b>                  | 0                   |
| <b>Day Switching Trains:</b>             | 0                   |
| <b>Night Thru Trains:</b>                | 0                   |
| <b>Night Switch Trains:</b>              | 0                   |
| <b>Date of Train Count:</b>              | Jun 13 2003 12:00AM |
| <b>Highway AADT:</b>                     | 849                 |
| <b>Date of AADT:</b>                     | 2008                |
| <b>Highway Information</b>               |                     |
| <b>Distance to Nearest Intersection:</b> | 68                  |
| <b>Type of Intersection:</b>             | Commercial Drive    |
| <b>Number of HW-HW Intersections:</b>    | 1                   |

| Highway 1:                                   |     |
|--|-----|
| Traffic Light:                               | NO  |
| Flashing Light:                              | NO  |
| Stop Sign:                                   | YES |
| Yield Sign:                                  | NO  |
| Distance from Tie to Center of Intersection: | 111 |
| DO NOT STOP ON TRACK(S) Sign:                | NO  |

| Site Comments                            |
|--|
| Seasonal excursion railroad-GM 7/25/2016 |



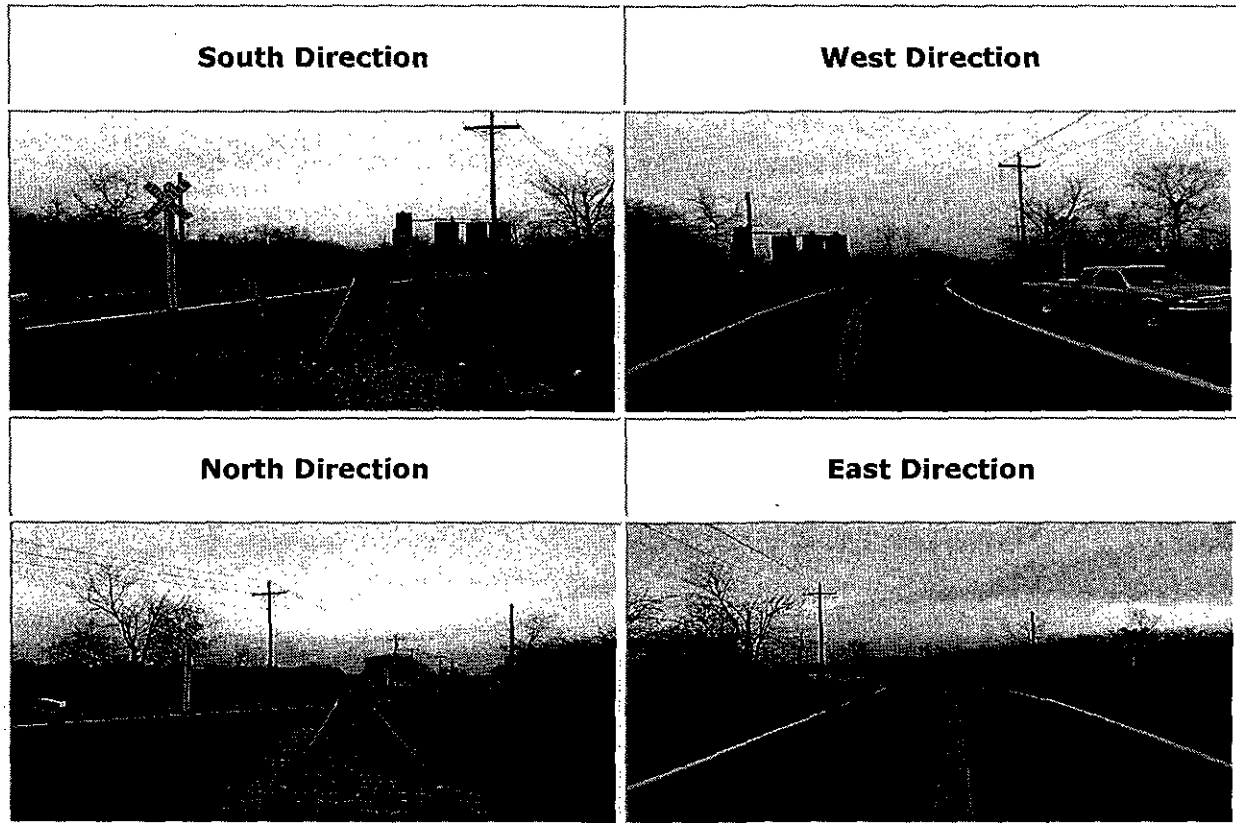
# Site Sketch





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| Site Information         |                    |
|--------------------------|--------------------|
| AARDOT:                  | 475267D            |
| AARDOT Source:           | Field              |
| Adj. AARDOT:             |                    |
| Adj. AARDOT Source:      | Field              |
| Survey Site ID:          | LUC042             |
| Init. Agency for Change: | State              |
| Reason for Change:       | Updated Record     |
| Effective Date:          | Mar 7 2006 12:00AM |
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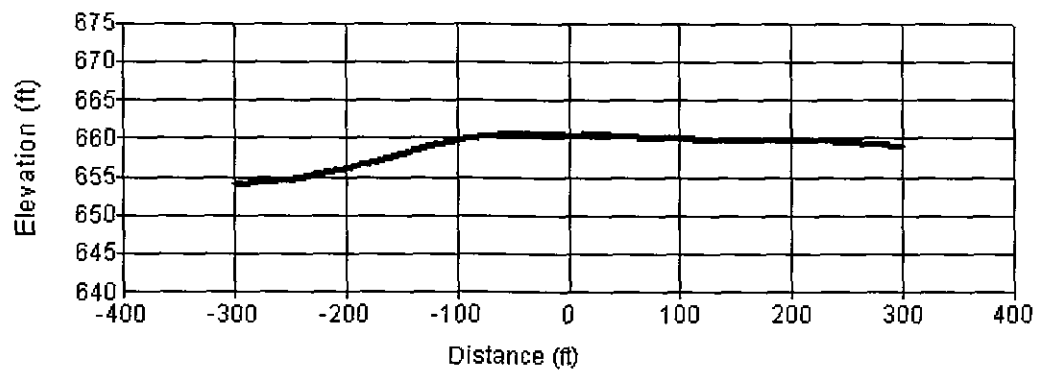
| Railroad Information                    |   |
|---|---|
| <b>Operating RR:</b>                    | Toledo, Lake Erie & Westen Railway (scenic) |
| <b>Division:</b>                        | SYSTEM                                      |
| <b>Sub-Division:</b>                    | FORT WAYNE                                  |
| <b>Branch/Line Name:</b>                | DELPHOS DIST.                               |
| <b>Milepost:</b>                        | 23.56                                       |
| <b>Railroad ID:</b>                     |   |
| <b>Nearest Time Table Station:</b>      |   |
| <b>Parent RR Company:</b>               | TLEW  |
| <b>Crossing Owner:</b>                  | TLEW  |
| Location and Classification Information |   |
| <b>County:</b>                          | LUCAS                                       |
| <b>(Nearest) City:</b>                  | GRAND RAPIDS                                |
| <b>Street:</b>                          | LUDWIG RD                                   |
| <b>Highway and SLM:</b>                 | CR1576                                      |
| <b>High Speed Corridor:</b>             |   |
| <b>County Map Ref. Number:</b>          |   |
| <b>ODOT NLF ID:</b>                     | CLUCCR01576**C                              |
| <b>Latitude:</b>                        | 41.4210756                                  |
| <b>Longitude:</b>                       | -83.8576255                                 |
| <b>Elevation (ft):</b>                  | 660.4648                                    |
| <b>Crossing Type:</b>                   | Public                                      |
| <b>Position:</b>                        | At-Grade                                    |
| <b>Emergency Contact:</b>               |   |
| <b>Railroad Contact:</b>                |   |
| <b>State Contact:</b>                   |   |
| <b>LHA:</b>                             | LUCAS COUNTY                                |
| <b>LHA2:</b>                            |   |
| <b>Dev. Type:</b>                       | Residential                                 |
| <b>Crossing Angle:</b>                  | 30-59 Degrees                               |

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|--|---------------------|
| <b>Main Tracks:</b>                      | 1                   |
| <b>Other Tracks:</b>                     | 0                   |
| <b>Lanes:</b>                            | 2                   |
| <b>Warning Devices</b>                   |                     |
| <b>Crossbucks, Standard:</b>             | 2                   |
| <b>Crossbucks, Buckeye:</b>              | 0                   |
| <b>Lights, Mast Mounted:</b>             | 0                   |
| <b>Lights, Cantilevered:</b>             | 0                   |
| <b>Lights, Other:</b>                    | 0                   |
| <b>Gates:</b>                            | 0                   |
| <b>Traffic Information</b>               |                     |
| <b>Day Thru Trains:</b>                  | 1                   |
| <b>Day Switching Trains:</b>             | 0                   |
| <b>Night Thru Trains:</b>                | 0                   |
| <b>Night Switch Trains:</b>              | 0                   |
| <b>Date of Train Count:</b>              | Jun 13 2003 12:00AM |
| <b>Highway AADT:</b>                     | 261                 |
| <b>Date of AADT:</b>                     | 2008                |
| <b>Highway Information</b>               |                     |
| <b>Distance to Nearest Intersection:</b> | 72                  |
| <b>Type of Intersection:</b>             | Residential Drive   |
| <b>Number of HW-HW Intersections:</b>    | 0                   |

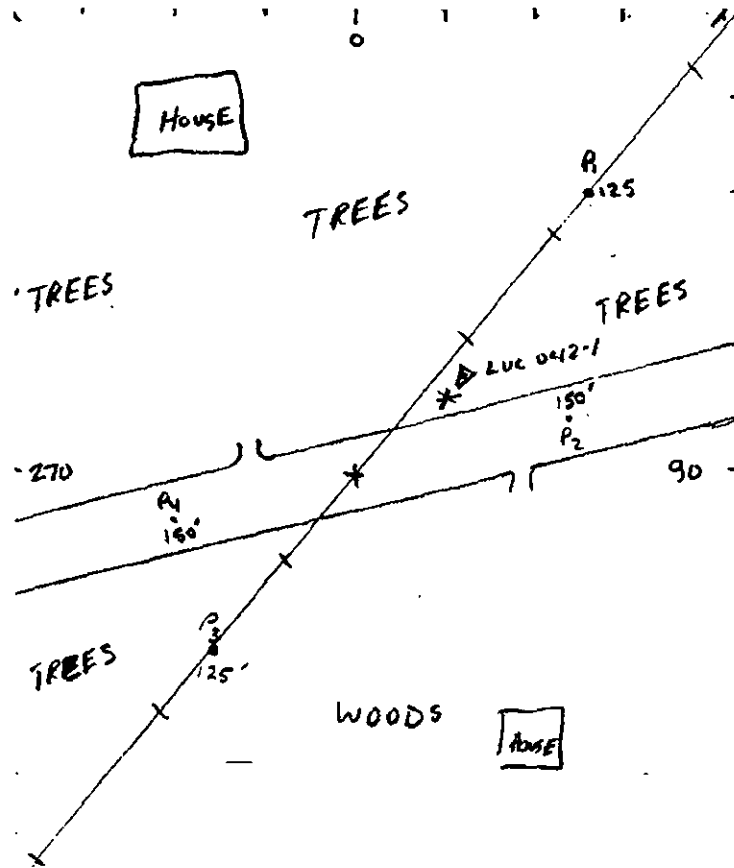
### Site Comments

No comments.

Standard Profile



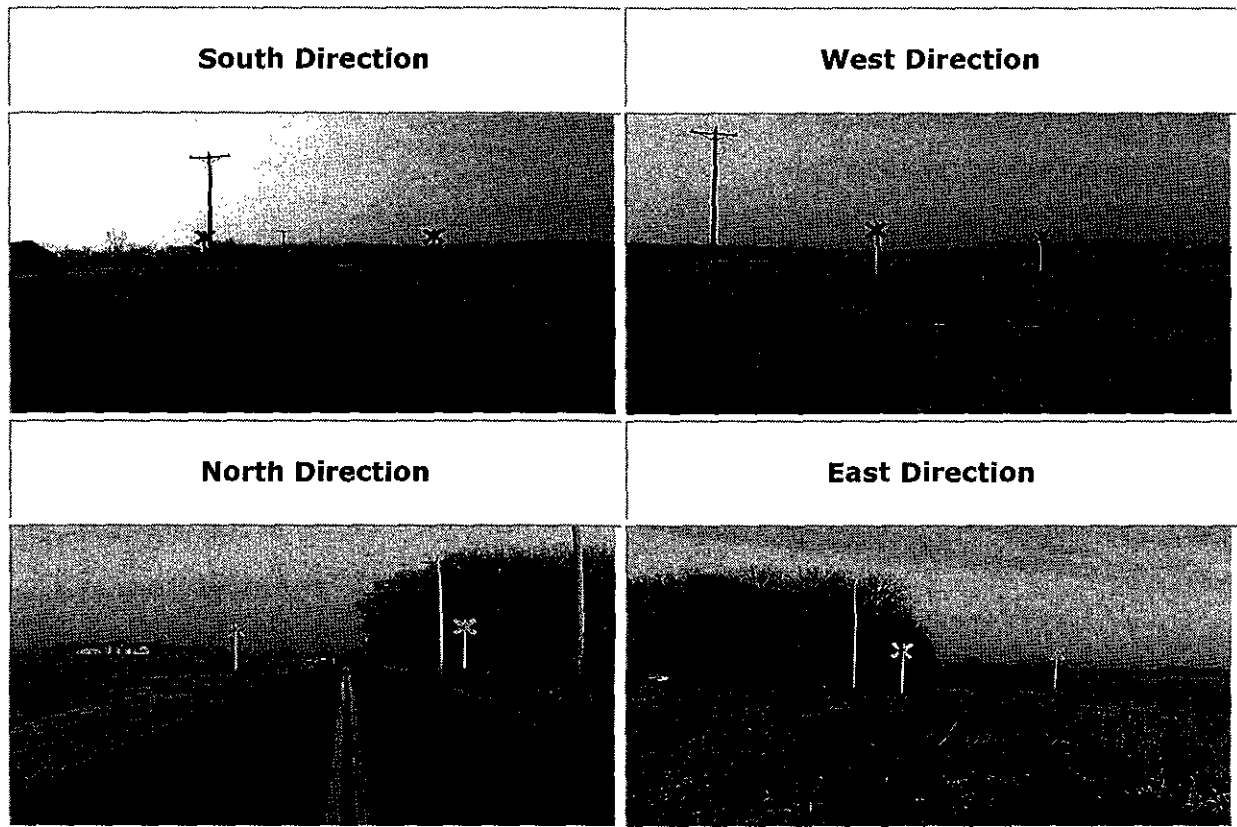
# Site Sketch





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Record ID: 1420



| Site Information         |                     |
|--------------------------|---------------------|
| AARDOT:                  | 475257X             |
| AARDOT Source:           | Field               |
| Adj. AARDOT:             |                     |
| Adj. AARDOT Source:      | Field               |
| Survey Site ID:          | LUC049              |
| Init. Agency for Change: | State               |
| Reason for Change:       | Updated Record      |
| Effective Date:          | Oct 30 2012 12:00AM |

| Railroad Information                    |   |
|---|---|
| Operating RR:                           | Toledo, Lake Erie & Westen Railway (scenic) |
| Division:                               | WESTERN                                     |
| Sub-Division:                           | FORT WAYNE                                  |
| Branch/Line Name:                       | DELPHOS DIST.                               |
| Milepost:                               | 20.34                                       |
| Railroad ID:                            |   |
| Nearest Time Table Station:             |   |
| Parent RR Company:                      | TLEW  |
| Crossing Owner:                         | TLEW  |
| Location and Classification Information |   |
| County:                                 | LUCAS                                       |
| (Nearest) City:                         | GRAND RAPIDS                                |
| Street:                                 | HELLER RD                                   |
| Highway and SLM:                        | CR151                                       |
| High Speed Corridor:                    |   |
| County Map Ref. Number:                 |   |
| ODOT NLF ID:                            | CLUCCR00151**C                              |
| Latitude:                               | 41.446                                      |
| Longitude:                              | -83.8061                                    |
| Elevation (ft):                         | 665.8315                                    |
| Crossing Type:                          | Public                                      |
| Position:                               | At-Grade                                    |
| Emergency Contact:                      |   |
| Railroad Contact:                       |   |
| State Contact:                          |   |
| LHA:                                    | LUCAS COUNTY                                |
| LHA2:                                   |   |
| Dev. Type:                              | Open Space                                  |
| Crossing Angle:                         | 60-90 Degrees                               |

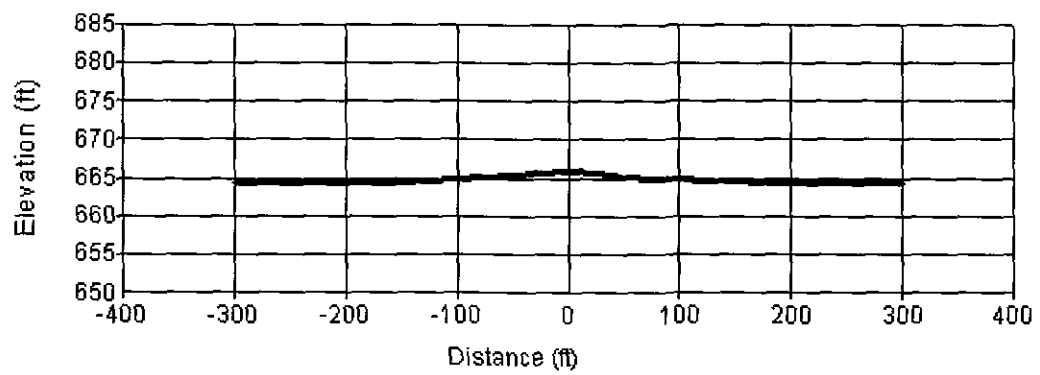
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| <b>Main Tracks:</b>          | 1                   |
| <b>Other Tracks:</b>         | 0                   |
| <b>Lanes:</b>                | 2                   |
| <b>Warning Devices</b>       |                     |
| <b>Crossbucks, Standard:</b> | 2                   |
| <b>Crossbucks, Buckeye:</b>  | 0                   |
| <b>Lights, Mast Mounted:</b> | 0                   |
| <b>Lights, Cantilevered:</b> | 0                   |
| <b>Lights, Other:</b>        | 0                   |
| <b>Gates:</b>                | 0                   |
| <b>Traffic Information</b>   |                     |
| <b>Day Thru Trains:</b>      | 1                   |
| <b>Day Switching Trains:</b> | 0                   |
| <b>Night Thru Trains:</b>    | 0                   |
| <b>Night Switch Trains:</b>  | 0                   |
| <b>Date of Train Count:</b>  | Jun 13 2003 12:00AM |
| <b>Highway AADT:</b>         | 78                  |
| <b>Date of AADT:</b>         | 2014                |

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|--|--------------|
| <b>Highway Information</b>               |              |
| <b>Distance to Nearest Intersection:</b> | 500          |
| <b>Type of Intersection:</b>             | Not Surveyed |
| <b>Number of HW-HW Intersections:</b>    | 0            |

### Site Comments

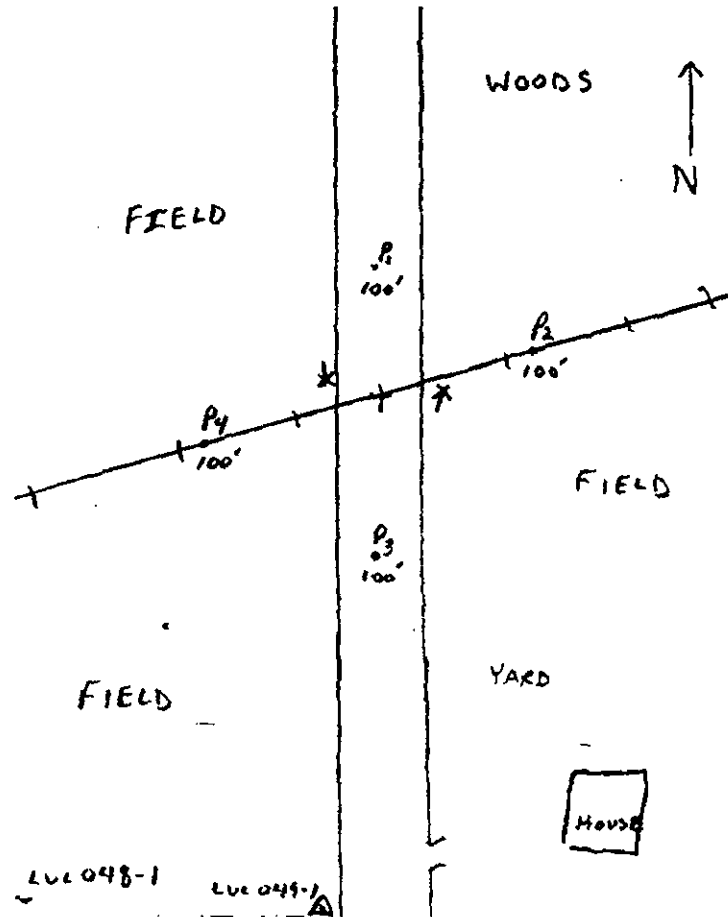
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Standard Profile





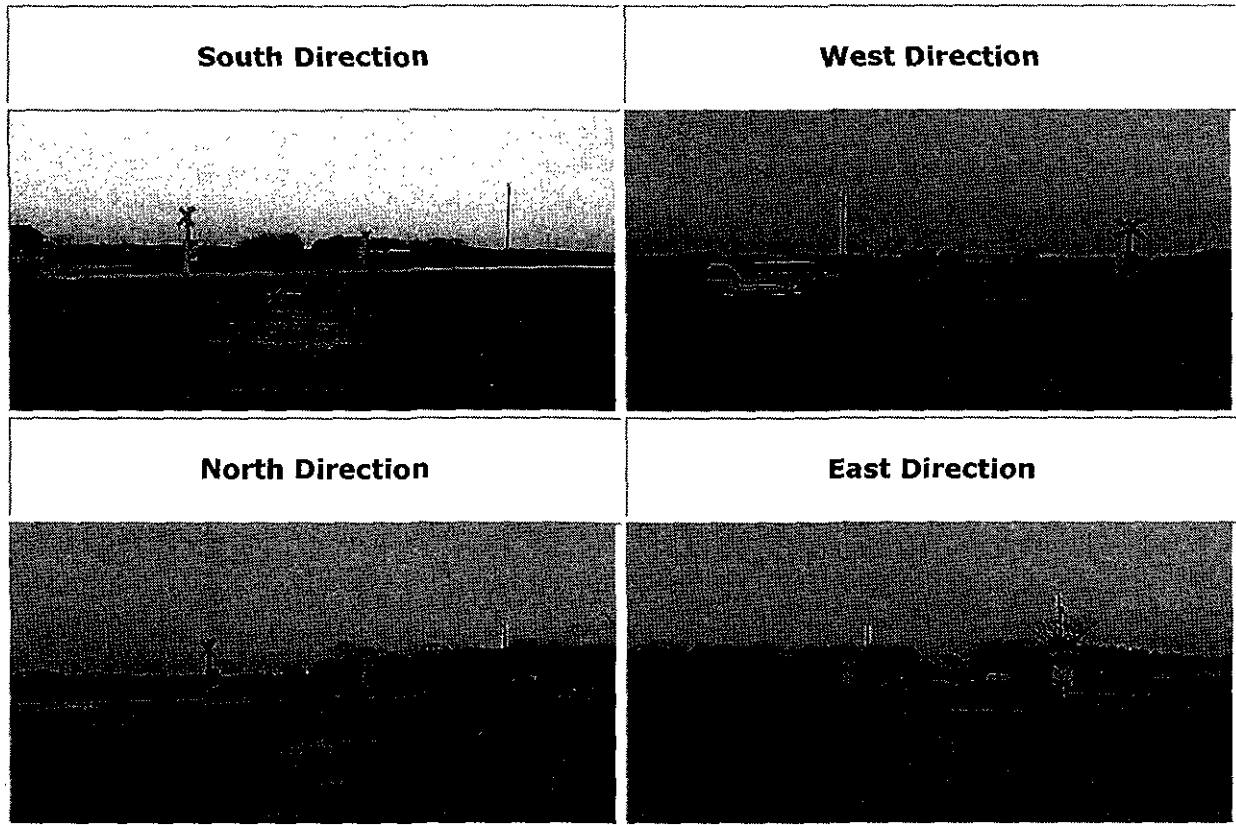
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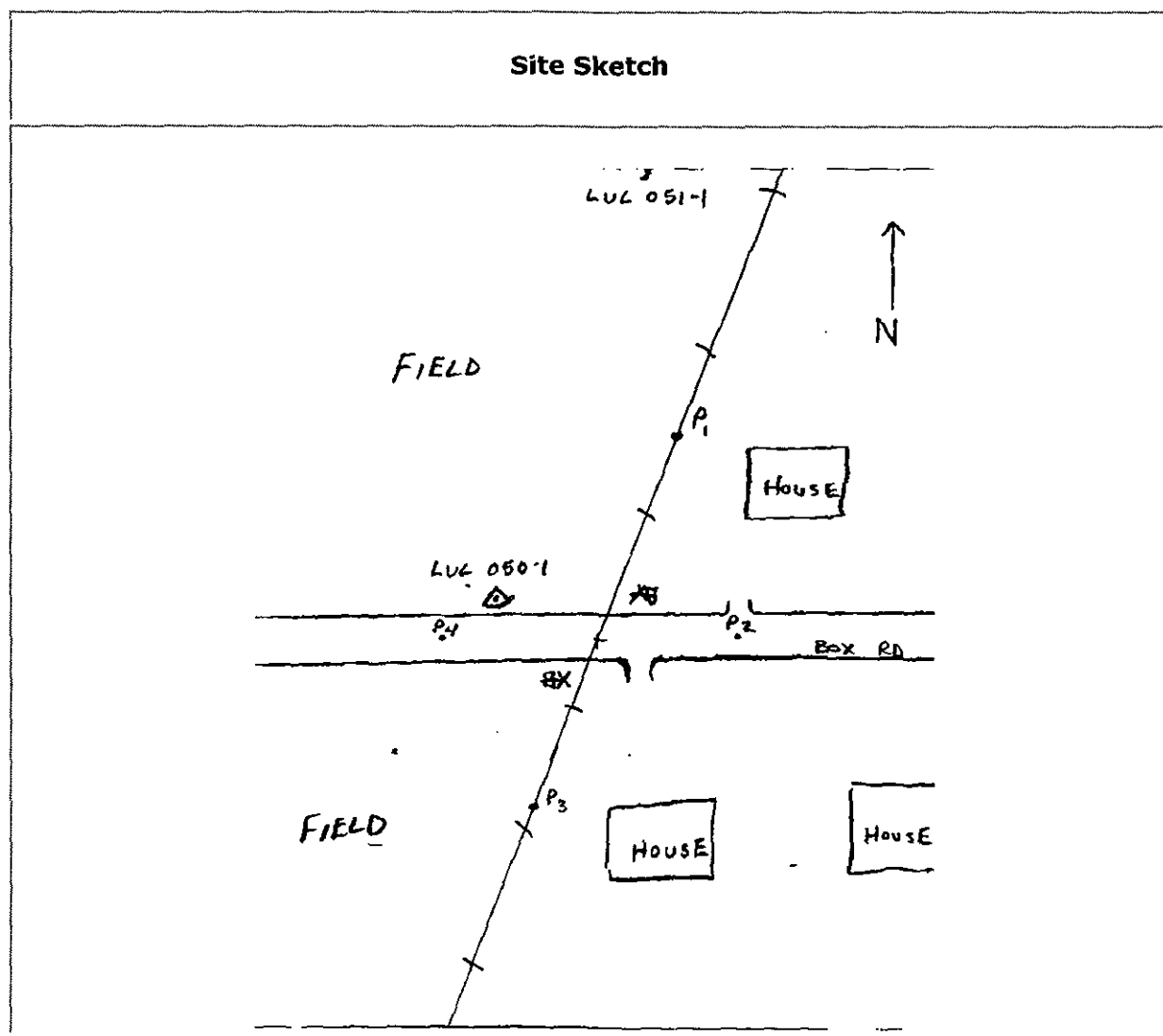
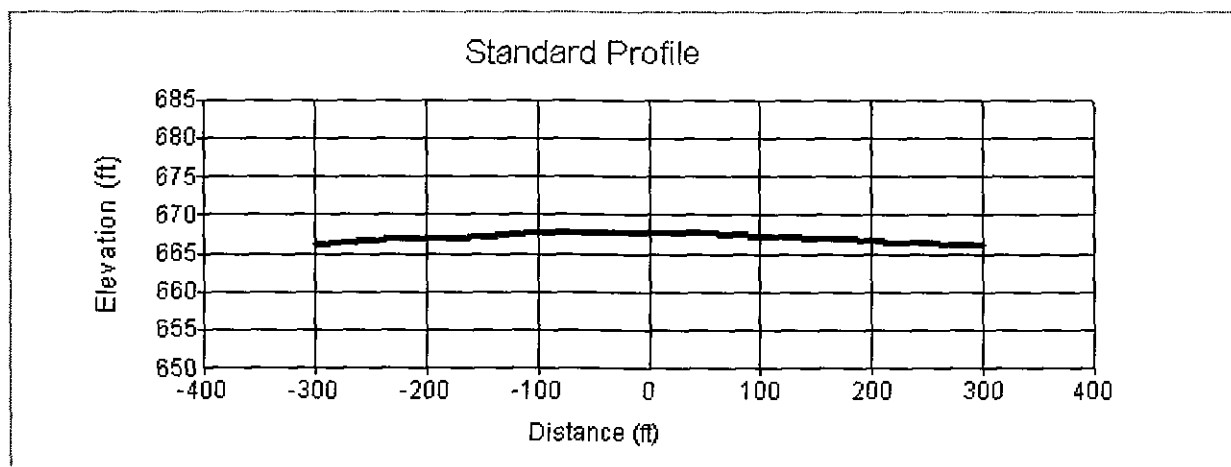
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| AARDOT:                  | 475256R             |
| AARDOT Source:           | Field               |
| Adj. AARDOT:             |                     |
| Adj. AARDOT Source:      | Field               |
| Survey Site ID:          | LUC050              |
| Init. Agency for Change: | State               |
| Reason for Change:       | Updated Record      |
| Effective Date:          | Oct 30 2012 12:00AM |

| Railroad Information                    |   |
|---|---|
| Operating RR:                           | Toledo, Lake Erie & Westen Railway (scenic) |
| Division:                               | WESTERN                                     |
| Sub-Division:                           | FORT WAYNE                                  |
| Branch/Line Name:                       | DELPHOS                                     |
| Milepost:                               | 19.76                                       |
| Railroad ID:                            |   |
| Nearest Time Table Station:             |   |
| Parent RR Company:                      | TLEW  |
| Crossing Owner:                         | TLEW  |
| Location and Classification Information |   |
| County:                                 | LUCAS                                       |
| (Nearest) City:                         | GRAND RAPIDS                                |
| Street:                                 | BOX RD                                      |
| Highway and SLM:                        | CR146                                       |
| High Speed Corridor:                    |   |
| County Map Ref. Number:                 |   |
| ODOT NLF ID:                            | CLUCCR00146**C                              |
| Latitude:                               | 41.4521                                     |
| Longitude:                              | -83.7983                                    |
| Elevation (ft):                         | 667.7715                                    |
| Crossing Type:                          | Public                                      |
| Position:                               | At-Grade                                    |
| Emergency Contact:                      |   |
| Railroad Contact:                       |   |
| State Contact:                          |   |
| LHA:                                    | LUCAS COUNTY                                |
| LHA2:                                   |   |
| Dev. Type:                              | Residential                                 |
| Crossing Angle:                         | 60-90 Degrees                               |

|                              |                     |
|------------------------------|---------------------|
| <b>Main Tracks:</b>          | 1                   |
| <b>Other Tracks:</b>         | 0                   |
| <b>Lanes:</b>                | 2                   |
| <b>Warning Devices</b>       |                     |
| <b>Crossbucks, Standard:</b> | 0                   |
| <b>Crossbucks, Buckeye:</b>  | 2                   |
| <b>Lights, Mast Mounted:</b> | 0                   |
| <b>Lights, Cantilevered:</b> | 0                   |
| <b>Lights, Other:</b>        | 0                   |
| <b>Gates:</b>                | 0                   |
| <b>Traffic Information</b>   |                     |
| <b>Day Thru Trains:</b>      | 1                   |
| <b>Day Switching Trains:</b> | 0                   |
| <b>Night Thru Trains:</b>    | 0                   |
| <b>Night Switch Trains:</b>  | 0                   |
| <b>Date of Train Count:</b>  | Jun 13 2003 12:00AM |
| <b>Highway AADT:</b>         | 127                 |
| <b>Date of AADT:</b>         | 2014                |

|  |                   |
|--|-------------------|
| <b>Highway Information</b>               |                   |
| <b>Distance to Nearest Intersection:</b> | 45                |
| <b>Type of Intersection:</b>             | Residential Drive |
| <b>Number of HW-HW Intersections:</b>    | 0                 |

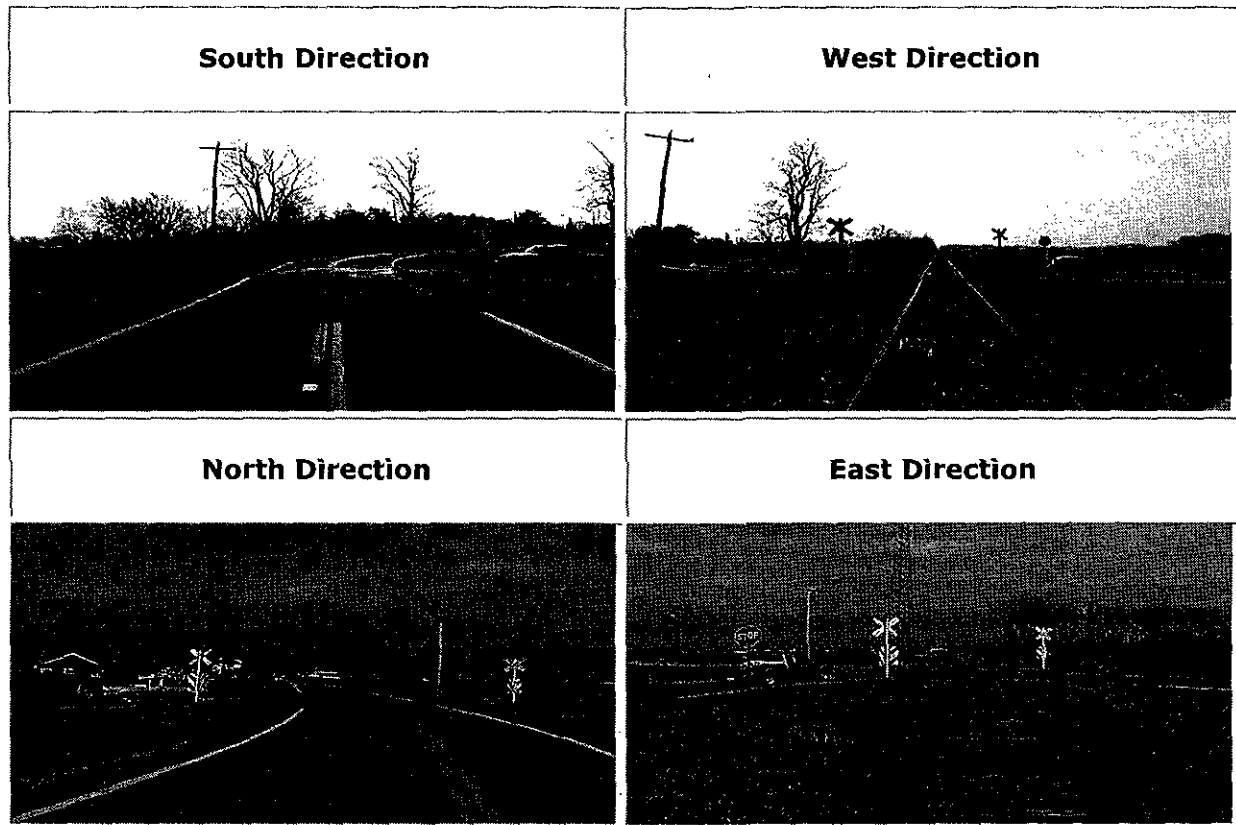
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| <b>Site Comments</b> |  |
| No comments.         |  |





## Public Utilities Commission of Ohio

Record ID: **1433**



| Site Information         |                |
|--------------------------|----------------|
| AARDOT:                  | 475254C        |
| AARDOT Source:           | Field          |
| Adj. AARDOT:             |                |
| Adj. AARDOT Source:      | Field          |
| Survey Site ID:          | LUC052         |
| Init. Agency for Change: | State          |
| Reason for Change:       | Updated Record |

|  |   |
|--|---|
| <b>Effective Date:</b>                         | Oct 30 2012 12:00AM                         |
| <b>Railroad Information</b>                    |   |
| <b>Operating RR:</b>                           | Toledo, Lake Erie & Westen Railway (scenic) |
| <b>Division:</b>                               | WESTERN                                     |
| <b>Sub-Division:</b>                           | FORT WAYNE                                  |
| <b>Branch/Line Name:</b>                       | DELPHOS                                     |
| <b>Milepost:</b>                               | 18.92                                       |
| <b>Railroad ID:</b>                            |   |
| <b>Nearest Time Table Station:</b>             | WATERVILLE                                  |
| <b>Parent RR Company:</b>                      | TLEW  |
| <b>Crossing Owner:</b>                         | TLEW  |
| <b>Location and Classification Information</b> |   |
| <b>County:</b>                                 | LUCAS                                       |
| <b>(Nearest) City:</b>                         | WATERVILLE                                  |
| <b>Street:</b>                                 | HERTZFELD RD                                |
| <b>Highway and SLM:</b>                        | CR221                                       |
| <b>High Speed Corridor:</b>                    |   |
| <b>County Map Ref. Number:</b>                 |   |
| <b>ODOT NLF ID:</b>                            | CLUCCR00221**C                              |
| <b>Latitude:</b>                               | 41.461                                      |
| <b>Longitude:</b>                              | -83.787                                     |
| <b>Elevation (ft):</b>                         | 665.4151                                    |
| <b>Crossing Type:</b>                          | Public                                      |
| <b>Position:</b>                               | At-Grade                                    |
| <b>Emergency Contact:</b>                      |   |
| <b>Railroad Contact:</b>                       |   |
| <b>State Contact:</b>                          |   |
| <b>LHA:</b>                                    | LUCAS COUNTY                                |
| <b>LHA2:</b>                                   |   |
| <b>Dev. Type:</b>                              | Residential                                 |

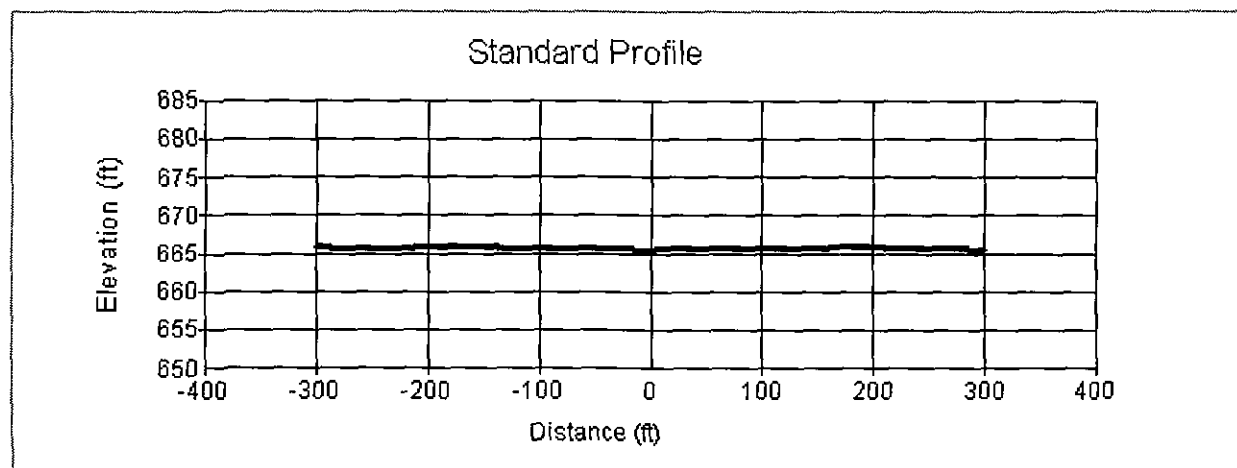
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| <b>Crossing Angle:</b>       | 30-59 Degrees       |
| <b>Main Tracks:</b>          | 1                   |
| <b>Other Tracks:</b>         | 0                   |
| <b>Lanes:</b>                | 2                   |
| <b>Warning Devices</b>       |                     |
| <b>Crossbucks, Standard:</b> | 0                   |
| <b>Crossbucks, Buckeye:</b>  | 2                   |
| <b>Lights, Mast Mounted:</b> | 0                   |
| <b>Lights, Cantilevered:</b> | 0                   |
| <b>Lights, Other:</b>        | 0                   |
| <b>Gates:</b>                | 0                   |
| <b>Traffic Information</b>   |                     |
| <b>Day Thru Trains:</b>      | 1                   |
| <b>Day Switching Trains:</b> | 0                   |
| <b>Night Thru Trains:</b>    | 0                   |
| <b>Night Switch Trains:</b>  | 0                   |
| <b>Date of Train Count:</b>  | Jun 13 2003 12:00AM |
| <b>Highway AADT:</b>         | 916                 |
| <b>Date of AADT:</b>         | 2014                |

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| <b>Highway Information</b>               |           |
| <b>Distance to Nearest Intersection:</b> | 8         |
| <b>Type of Intersection:</b>             | Farm Road |
| <b>Number of HW-HW Intersections:</b>    | 1         |

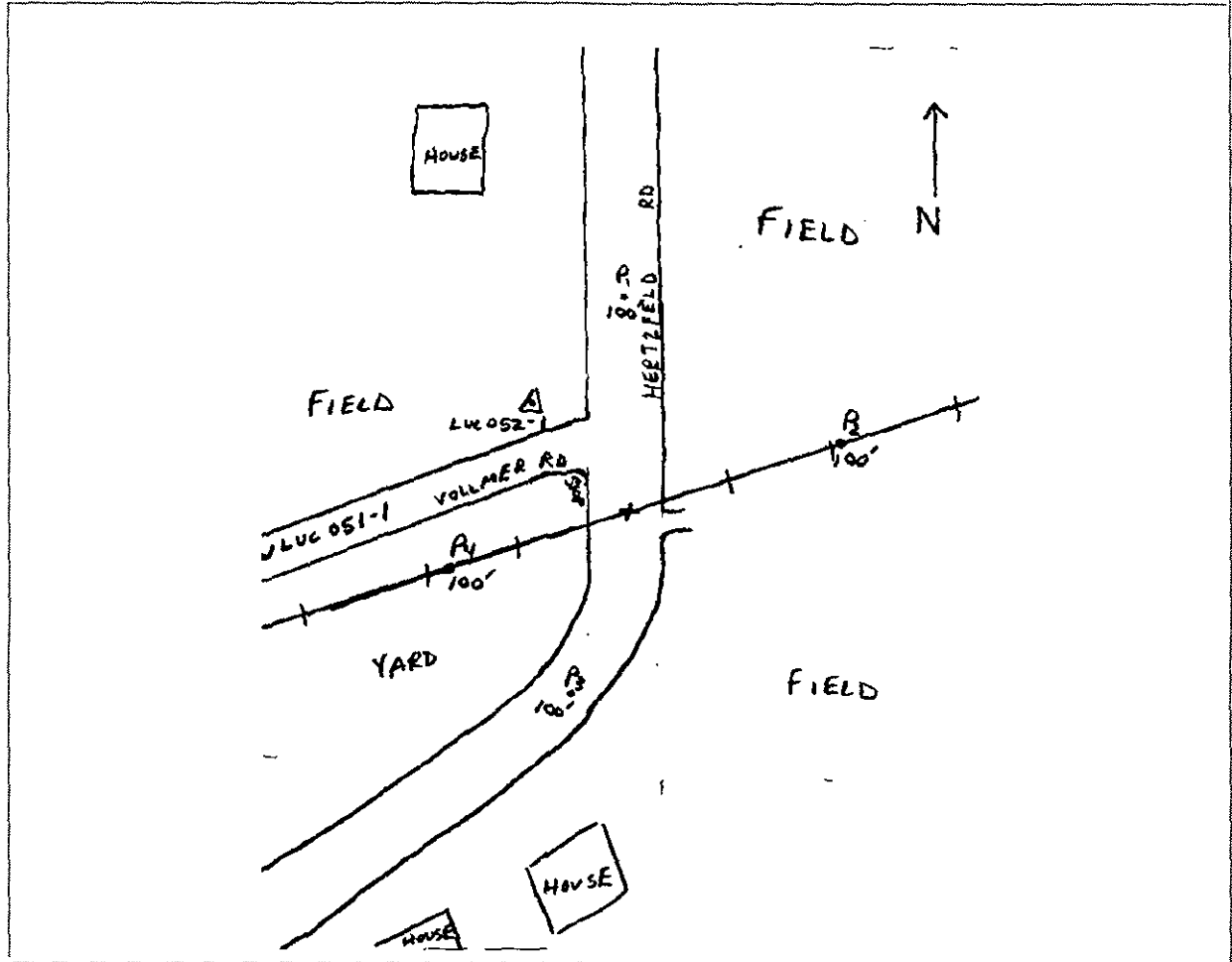


| Highway 1:                                   |     |
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| Traffic Light:                               | NO  |
| Flashing Light:                              | NO  |
| Stop Sign:                                   | YES |
| Yield Sign:                                  | NO  |
| Distance from Tie to Center of Intersection: | 18  |
| DO NOT STOP ON TRACK(S) Sign:                | NO  |

| Site Comments |
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| No comments.  |



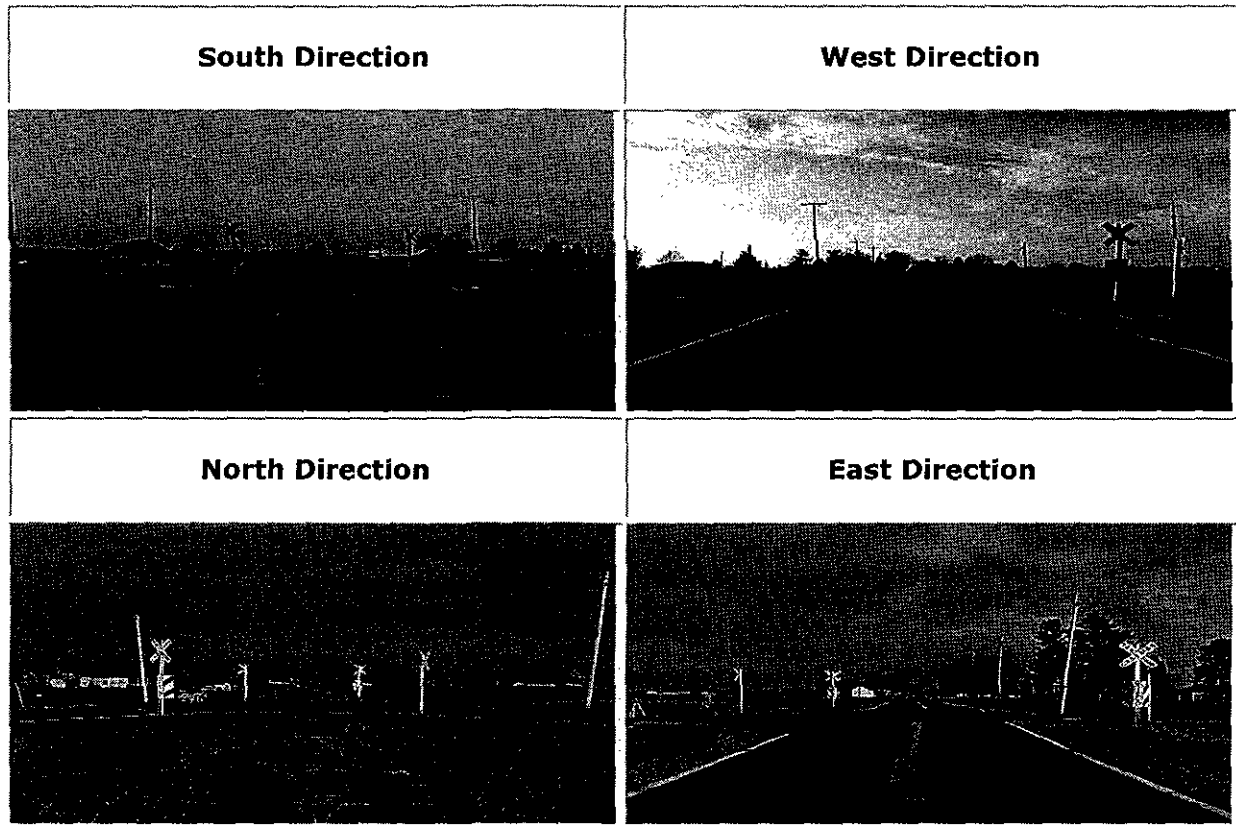
# Site Sketch





## Public Utilities Commission of Ohio

Record ID: 1432



| Site Information         |                    |
|--------------------------|--------------------|
| AARDOT:                  | 475252N            |
| AARDOT Source:           | Field              |
| Adj. AARDOT:             |                    |
| Adj. AARDOT Source:      | Field              |
| Survey Site ID:          | LUC053             |
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| Reason for Change:       | Updated Record     |
| Effective Date:          | Mar 7 2006 12:00AM |

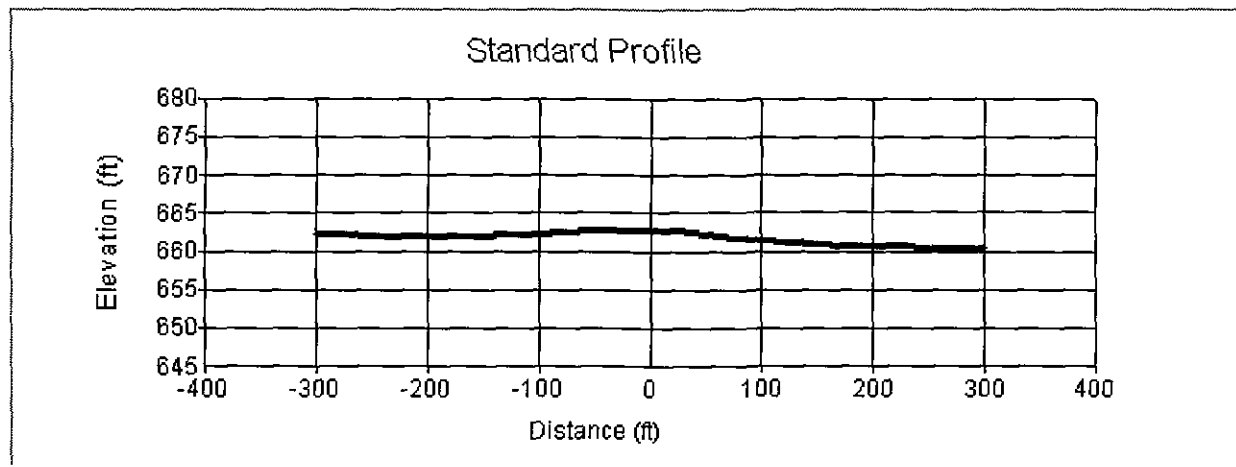
| Railroad Information                    |   |
|---|---|
| <b>Operating RR:</b>                    | Toledo, Lake Erie & Westen Railway (scenic) |
| <b>Division:</b>                        | WESTERN                                     |
| <b>Sub-Division:</b>                    | FORT WAYNE                                  |
| <b>Branch/Line Name:</b>                | DELPHOS DIST.                               |
| <b>Milepost:</b>                        | 17.54                                       |
| <b>Railroad ID:</b>                     |   |
| <b>Nearest Time Table Station:</b>      | WATERVILLE                                  |
| <b>Parent RR Company:</b>               | TLEW  |
| <b>Crossing Owner:</b>                  | TLEW  |
| Location and Classification Information |   |
| <b>County:</b>                          | LUCAS                                       |
| <b>(Nearest) City:</b>                  | WATERVILLE                                  |
| <b>Street:</b>                          | NEOWASH RD                                  |
| <b>Highway and SLM:</b>                 | CR143                                       |
| <b>High Speed Corridor:</b>             |   |
| <b>County Map Ref. Number:</b>          |   |
| <b>ODOT NLF ID:</b>                     | CLUCCR00143**C                              |
| <b>Latitude:</b>                        | 41.4740454                                  |
| <b>Longitude:</b>                       | -83.7671124                                 |
| <b>Elevation (ft):</b>                  | 662.7323                                    |
| <b>Crossing Type:</b>                   | Public                                      |
| <b>Position:</b>                        | At-Grade                                    |
| <b>Emergency Contact:</b>               |   |
| <b>Railroad Contact:</b>                |   |
| <b>State Contact:</b>                   |   |
| <b>LHA:</b>                             | LUCAS COUNTY                                |
| <b>LHA2:</b>                            |   |
| <b>Dev. Type:</b>                       | Residential                                 |
| <b>Crossing Angle:</b>                  | 30-59 Degrees                               |

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| <b>Main Tracks:</b>          | 1                   |
| <b>Other Tracks:</b>         | 0                   |
| <b>Lanes:</b>                | 2                   |
| <b>Warning Devices</b>       |                     |
| <b>Crossbucks, Standard:</b> | 0                   |
| <b>Crossbucks, Buckeye:</b>  | 2                   |
| <b>Lights, Mast Mounted:</b> | 0                   |
| <b>Lights, Cantilevered:</b> | 0                   |
| <b>Lights, Other:</b>        | 0                   |
| <b>Gates:</b>                | 0                   |
| <b>Traffic Information</b>   |                     |
| <b>Day Thru Trains:</b>      | 1                   |
| <b>Day Switching Trains:</b> | 0                   |
| <b>Night Thru Trains:</b>    | 0                   |
| <b>Night Switch Trains:</b>  | 0                   |
| <b>Date of Train Count:</b>  | Jun 13 2003 12:00AM |
| <b>Highway AADT:</b>         | 1007                |
| <b>Date of AADT:</b>         | 2008                |

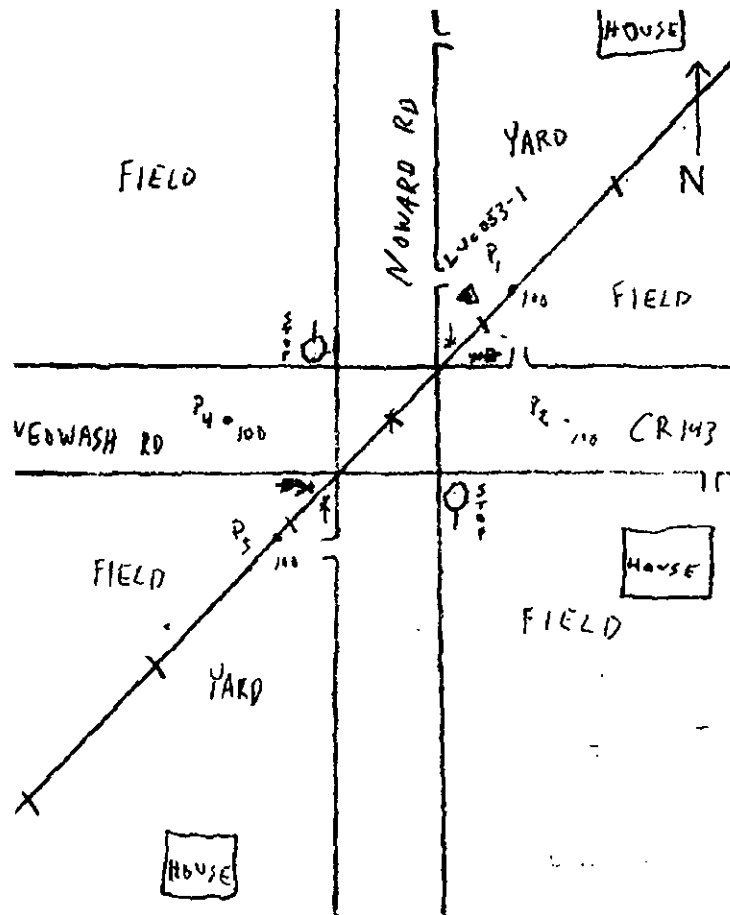
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| <b>Highway Information</b>               |         |
| <b>Distance to Nearest Intersection:</b> | 0       |
| <b>Type of Intersection:</b>             | Highway |
| <b>Number of HW-HW Intersections:</b>    | 1       |

| Highway 1:                                   |     |
|--|-----|
| Traffic Light:                               | NO  |
| Flashing Light:                              | NO  |
| Stop Sign:                                   | YES |
| Yield Sign:                                  | NO  |
| Distance from Tie to Center of Intersection: | 0   |
| DO NOT STOP ON TRACK(S) Sign:                | NO  |

| Site Comments |
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| No comments.  |



# Site Sketch



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

**Date of Assignment:** July 11, 2016

**Date of Inspection:** July 12, 2016

**Subject:** 16-1549-RR-RCP petition for exemption, Grand Rapids Rd, Ludwig Rd, Ludwig Rd, Heller Rd, Box Rd, Hertzfeld Rd, and Neowash Rd, Lucas County, Toledo, Lake Erie & Western Railway

**DOT No:** 475-266W, 475-268K, 475-267D, 475-257X, 475-256R, 475-254C, 475-252N

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**FINDINGS**

Grand Rapids Rd (475-268K) is a two lane township road that runs north and south, and has a posted speed limit of 35 MPH that is reduced to 15 MPH at the crossing. It is located in Providence Township, Lucas County, Ohio, and it crosses a currently unused Toledo, Lake Erie and Western Railway (TLEW) single track. The crossing warning devices are passive with crossbucks and yield signs. There are Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) compliant pavement markings and advanced warning signs present.

Ludwig Rd (475-266W) is a two lane township road that runs north and south, and has a posted speed limit of 55 MPH that is reduced to 20 MPH at the crossing. It is located in Providence Township, Lucas County, Ohio, and it crosses a currently unused TLEW single track. The crossing warning devices are passive with crossbucks and yield signs. There are MUTCD compliant pavement markings and advanced warning signs present. Currently, obstructive vegetation is present with-in 600 feet of the crossing, and a Track and Structure Inspection report has been submitted with one defect noted for removal of obstructive vegetation.

Ludwig Rd (475-267D) is a two lane township road that runs east and west, and has a posted speed limit of 55 MPH that is reduced to 30 MPH at the crossing. It is located in Providence Township, Lucas County, Ohio, and it crosses a currently unused TLEW single track. The crossing warning devices are passive with crossbucks and yield signs. There are MUTCD compliant pavement markings and advanced warning signs present. Currently, obstructive vegetation is present with-in 600 feet of the crossing, and a Track



and Structure Inspection report has been submitted with one defect noted for removal of obstructive vegetation.

Heller Rd (475-257X) is a two lane township road that runs north and south, and has a posted speed limit of 55 MPH that is reduced to 35 MPH at the crossing. It is located in Providence Township, Lucas County, Ohio, and it crosses a currently unused TLEW single track. The crossing warning devices are passive with crossbucks and yield signs. There are MUTCD compliant pavement markings and advanced warning signs present. Currently, obstructive vegetation is present with-in 600 feet of the crossing, and a Track and Structure Inspection report has been submitted with one defect noted for removal of obstructive vegetation.

Box Rd (475-256R) is a two lane township road that runs east and west, and has a posted speed limit of 55 MPH that is reduced to 30 MPH at the crossing. It is located in Providence Township, Lucas County, Ohio, and it crosses a currently unused TLEW single track. The crossing warning devices are passive with crossbucks and yield signs. There are MUTCD compliant pavement markings and advanced warning signs present. Currently, obstructive vegetation is present with-in 600 feet of the crossing, and a Track and Structure Inspection report has been submitted with one defect noted for removal of obstructive vegetation.

Hertzfeld Rd (475-254C) is a two lane township road that runs north and south, and has a posted speed limit of 10 MPH. It is located in Providence Township, Lucas County, Ohio, and it crosses a currently unused TLEW single track. The crossing warning devices are passive with crossbucks and yield signs. There are MUTCD compliant pavement markings and advanced warning signs present.

Neowash Rd (475-252N) is a two lane township road that runs east and west, and has a posted speed limit of 55 MPH. It is located in Providence Township, Lucas County, Ohio, and it crosses a currently unused TLEW single track. The crossing warning devices are passive with crossbucks and yield signs. There are MUTCD compliant pavement markings and advanced warning signs present.

After contacting R.E. Westphal, Vice President, TLEW, he stated that while these track are currently not in use, they intend to put the crossings back in service by the end of summer. Furthermore, TLEW intends to dispute these crossings being declared Exempt. Mr. Westphal also stated that when the railroad is running again they plan to operate on Saturdays and Sundays between 11AM and 6PM, with the occasional need to operate a special train during the weekdays for maintenance, or a special passenger charter, which would occur between the hours of 9AM and 6PM. The train count would be between two and six per day. The train speed would be 10MPH or slower at grade crossings to acclimate the public to the presence of train operations for an initial period time.

### **SUMMARY**

At present, there are no trains operating over these crossings. TLEW expects to resume operations by the end of summer, but will need to address the obstructive vegetation noted at the above crossings.

### **CONCLUSIONS & RECOMMENDATIONS**

Currently the railroad does not have any traffic over the roadway. The roads are used by both school buses and multiple hazardous material vehicles. Declaring these crossings Exempt would help reduce the possibility of rear end collisions. Although the railroad has the intent to start operations, they do not have a date set and the tracks have not been in use for multiple years. As a result, I recommend the commission grant the exemptions with the requirement the railroad must place a stop and flag order on the crossing for any future train movements. Moreover, I suggest the commission have the option to revisit this issue if and when the railroad begins operating.

Nathan Niner  
PUCO Rail Inspector  
July 19, 2016

CC: Complainant

#### **IV. Ohio's Rail Grade Crossing Programs**

Ohio is a national leader in terms of railroad operations. Ohio is home to nearly 40 railroads that operate thousands of trains in Ohio every day over approximately 5,200 miles of track and 5,900 public grade crossings. The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO) is the state agency with regulatory authority over railroads operating in Ohio. The Commission works in partnership with the Federal Railroad Administration to ensure that rail operations and infrastructure are safe and in compliance with federal and state regulations.

In addition to central office planners and other support staff, the PUCO employs federally certified railroad inspectors throughout Ohio. These inspectors respond to inquiries and complaints and conduct specialized inspections of railroad tracks and equipment, rail operations, hazardous material transportation, and grade crossing signal circuitry. The inspectors also monitor railroad rights-of-way and grade crossings for surface conditions, view obstruction, fencing and drainage concerns, conditions on railroad equipment and at rail yards and other facilities, and related safety concerns of both the PUCO and railroad employees.

PUCO inspectors investigate all grade crossing and railroad employee fatalities and monitor company inspections of rail bridges throughout the state.

#### **Safety is our highest priority**

Grade crossing safety is one of the PUCO's highest priorities, and we are proud of our accomplishments. Since 1990, motor vehicle/train crashes at grade crossings in Ohio have declined by 66 percent and the number of fatalities has dropped by 77 percent. This dramatic improvement has been achieved during a period of steady increase in the amount of train traffic and in the number of registered motor vehicles and licensed drivers in Ohio. Over the past 10 years, the PUCO has participated in the installation of lights and gates at more than 1,000 grade crossings across Ohio. We look forward to working with your community to help make grade crossings as safe as possible.

#### **Questions or Concerns?**

Call the Ohio Rail Hotline at (866) 814-RAIL or log on to [www.OhioRail.ohio.gov](http://www.OhioRail.ohio.gov) for answers to all of your railroad crossing needs.

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