

## THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

IN THE MATTER OF THE AUTHORIZATION  
OF OHI-RAIL CORP. TO INSTALL ACTIVE  
GRADE CROSSING WARNING DEVICES  
IN CARROLL COUNTY, VILLAGE OF  
MINERVA.

CASE NO. 15-1715-RR-FED

### ENTRY

Entered in the Journal on July 26, 2016

{¶ 1} On November 4, 2015, the Commission issued a Finding and Order approving the installation by OHI-Rail Corp. (OHIC) of mast-mounted flashing lights and roadway gates in the village of Minerva, Carroll County, S. Market Street/State Route 183 (DOT#503439M). The Commission ordered completion of the project by August 4, 2016.

{¶ 2} On July 8, 2016, OHIC filed a letter requesting additional time to complete the project. OHIC explains that, to ensure that the new warning devices operate reliably, it is installing new ties and track, as well as correcting drainage problems south of Market Street. In conjunction with the S. Market Street project, OHIC adds that it will also rehabilitate the nearby grade crossing at Main Street, and it has petitioned for permanent closure of the adjacent Plain Street crossing. Given the preceding factors, and with the Plain Street petition still pending, OHIC concludes that it is necessary to extend the project completion date to October 21, 2016.

{¶ 3} Staff filed a memorandum on July 12, 2016, concerning the extension request. Staff states that it has met with OHIC officials throughout the project and discussed the issues at length. Staff concludes that there is good reason for the request and recommends approval.

{¶ 4} Pursuant to the Commission's September 19, 1996 Entry in *In re 1996 Federal Crossing Protection Program*, Case No. 96-676-RR-FED, the Commission authorized the attorney examiner assigned to the case to grant extensions for up to 30 days.

{¶ 5} Upon review of OHIC's request and Staff's recommendation, the attorney examiner finds that a 30-day extension of time should be granted to allow OHIC time to complete the project, and to allow the Commission additional time to consider OHIC's request to finish the project no later than October 21, 2016. Unless otherwise authorized, OHIC should complete the project by September 6, 2016.

{¶ 6} It is, therefore,

{¶ 7} ORDERED, That OHIC be granted a 30-day extension of time to finish the project, and to allow the Commission additional time to consider the request to extend the project completion date to October 21, 2016. It is, further,

{¶ 8} ORDERED, That, unless otherwise authorized, OHIC complete the project by September 6, 2016. It is, further,

{¶ 9} ORDERED, That when Staff or ORDC makes its final inspection and finds that the project is completed, Staff file a memorandum in this docket indicating that the project is completed. It is, further,

{¶ 10} ORDERED, That a copy of this Entry be served upon OHIC, ORDC, the village of Minerva, American Electric Power, and all interested persons of record.

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

s/James Lynn

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Attorney Examiner

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Summary: Attorney Examiner Entry granting OHIC a 30-day extension of time to finish project and to allow the Commission additional time to consider the request to extend the project completion date to 10/21/2016, directing OHIC to complete project by 09/06/2016, directing Staff file a memorandum in this docket indicating project is completed once Staff or ORDC makes it final inspection and finds that the project has been completed. - electronically filed by Sandra Coffey on behalf of James Lynn, Attorney Examiner, Public Utilities Commission of Ohio