

Memo

To: Docketing Division

From: Jill Henry, Rail Specialist, Rail Division

Cc: PUCO Legal Department

Date: 3/24/17

Re: PUCO Case No. 16-0540-RR-STP- In the Matter of a Request for the Installation of Active Warning Devices at The Columbus & Ohio River Rail Road Company Grade Crossing, DOT#152-045B, Church Street in Utica, Ohio.

On March 1, 2016, Commission Staff (PUCO), the Ohio Rail Development Commission (ORDC), The Columbus & Ohio River Rail Road Company (CUOH), and the Village of Utica (LHA) entered into a stipulation agreement (attached) whereby active grade crossing warning devices would be installed at Church Street (DOT#152-045B).

On March 9, 2016, the Ohio Rail Development Commission encumbered funding and advised the PUCO that the project can move forward.

On April 14, 2016, the Commission issued a Finding and Order approving the project, requiring plans and estimates by July 14, 2016, and ordering project completion by April 14, 2017.

On July 18, 2016, preliminary site plans and estimates were received from Patrick Engineering (Consultant for the Railroad). Preliminary authorization was given to the railroad, but we stipulated that final construction authorization would not be given until a complete set of plans and estimates were given to us. The complete plans (site and circuitry) were received on January 28, 2017 from Patrick Engineering and the final estimates were received on March 15, 2017 from the railroad.

The plans and estimates submitted by CUOH have been reviewed and authorization is recommended. (See attached documentation.)



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March 23, 2017

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Re: Church Street, DOT#152-045B

Mr. Bolzenius and Mr. Birrell:

The Columbus & Ohio River Railroad is now authorized to proceed with field construction for the above referenced project. This authorization is contingent upon accepting the following:

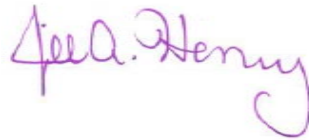
- 1) CUOH will make any adjustments to the plans noted in the field report docketed March 24, 2017 (Attached).
- 2) COUH will furnish e-mail, fax, or phone notification five (5) working days prior to the date work will start at the project site. Notification to be made to Jill Henry, PUCO, at E-MAIL jill.henry@puc.state.oh.us, FAX 614-995-5535, or PHONE 614-466-0435 and to Eric Neff, ORDC, at E-MAIL Eric.Neff@dot.ohio.gov, or PHONE 614-745-6760.
- 3) COUH will arrange for utilities to be relocated and/or dropped (as soon as possible) at the project site through the applicable utility company.
- 4) CUOH will arrange for utilities to be located at the project site by the Ohio Utilities Protection Service (OUPS) prior to any construction activities at the site. Utilities that are not participating members of the OUPS service must be contacted directly by CUOH.
- 5) CUOH project foreman will notify the PUCO Railroad Inspector and ORDC's Eric Neff of any changes in the scope of work, cost overruns, material changes, etc. which are not included in the approved plan and estimates and secure approval of same before the work is performed.
- 6) CUOH will furnish three (3) copies of each partial bill to the PUCO & ORDC.

CUOH will furnish three (3) copies of the final-inclusive bill to PUCO & ORDC stating that exact dates of starting and completing work, the initial and final dates of construction and location where the accounts may be audited.

- 7) CUOH will furnish as-built detailed circuit plans directly to the PUCO & ORDC.
- 8) CUOH is to schedule and complete the subject project by April 14, 2017. If any extraordinary circumstances unique to this project occur, please notify the Commission's rail staff immediately.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,



Jill Henry
Rail Specialist
PUCO Rail Division

Enclosure

cc: File

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

Date of Assignment: July 18, 2016, January 28, 2017, & March 15, 2017

Subject: Plans and estimates review for active warning devices at Church Street (DOT#152-045B), Columbus & Ohio River Railroad, Licking .

DOT #: 152-045B

FINDINGS

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Church Street

Church Street roadway traveling East/West and intersecting a single track of CUOH traveling Northwest/Southeast. Existing warning devices include advanced warning signs and crossbucks.

SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS

We reviewed the plans and estimates for the crossing. The plans and estimates appear to be fundamentally correct. Construction authorization is granted for this project:

Jill Henry
PUCO Rail Specialist
Date: March 23, 2017

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Summary: Memorandum In the Matter of Construction Authorization for the Installation of Active Warning Devices at The Columbus & Ohio River Rail Road Company Grade Crossing, DOT#152-045B, Church Street in Utica, Ohio. electronically filed by Mrs. Jill A Henry on behalf of PUCO/Rail Division