

Memo

To: Docketing Division

From: Jill Henry, Rail Specialist, Rail Division

Cc: PUCO Legal Department

Date: 3/30/17

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 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.

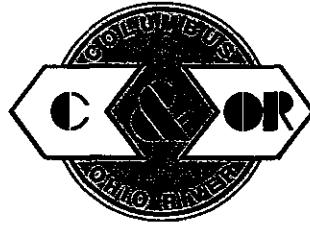
On April 14, 2016, the Commission issued a Finding and Order approving the project, requiring plans and estimates by July 14, 2016, and ordering project completion by April 14, 2017.

On July 18, 2016, preliminary site plans and estimates were received from Patrick Engineering (Consultant for CUOH). Preliminary authorization was given to CUOH, 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 CUOH. Construction authorization was officially granted on March 23, 2014.

On March 20, 2017, CUOH requested a 90 day extension (see attached documentation). Due to the project delays involving the plans and estimates, Staff supports CUOH's request for a 90 day extension.

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Public Utilities Commission of Ohio
Docketing Division
180 East Broad Street
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20 March 2017

Re: DOT 152-045B Request for extension

Dear PUCO,

The Columbus and Ohio River Railroad requests a 90 day extension for the completion date for the Automatic Warning Device installation at Church St. Utica. The circuit plans were just recently approved by the Railroad and given to the PUCO in February 2017. Due to the circuits at Church St. overlapping either directly or indirectly three other crossings with flashers and the incompatibility of those existing circuits, the Railroad must order material to make the circuit upgrades on those crossings. Some of the field work has already been done in preparation for this project, but the PMD-4R units could not be ordered until Construction Authorization is given. The normal lead time is 45 days for these units, but with material system change with the vendor, an additional 30 days is required to receive the material. This extension will allow us time to receive the units, install them and make the required testing prior to the construction start on Church St.

Respectfully,

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Summary: Memorandum In the Matter of a Request for an extension 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