

# Memo

To: Docketing Division

From: Jill Henry, Rail Specialist, Rail Division

Date: 4/25/17

Re: PUCO Case No. 16-1419-RR-RCP- In the Matter of A Request for an Exemption by Providence Township from Stopping for School Buses and Hazardous Materials Vehicles at Five Toledo Lake Erie & Western Railroad (TLEW) Crossings in Lucas County, Ohio.

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## BACKGROUND

On June 20, 2016, Providence Township filed a request for exemption from stopping for school buses and hazardous material vehicles at the following Toledo Lake Erie & Western Railroad Crossings in Providence Township, Lucas County, Ohio:

Bailey Road/TR 145	DOT#475-255J
Pollock Road/TR 147	DOT#475-258E
Patton Road/TR 148	DOT#475-262U
Hartman Road/TR 113	DOT#475-264H
Yawberg Road/TR 112	DOT#475-265P

On July 25, 2016, Staff filed an investigative report that recommended the exemptions be granted. On July 21, 2016, a local public hearing was held on the matter. Representatives from Providence Township, Lucas County, and Otsego Local Schools testified in support of the exemptions. Representatives from TLEW testified against the exemptions. Representatives from the Grand Rapids Area Chamber of Commerce testified both in support of and against the exemptions. On August 17, 2016, the Commission granted the exemption request. The Commission further ordered the Providence Township place exempt signage at the crossings and that TLEW notify the Commission, Providence Township and Otsego Local Schools if rail traffic resumes at the crossings.

## FINDINGS

PUCO Rail Inspector Nathan Niner visited the crossings. According to Mr. Niner, the exemption signage is in place (see attached pictures).

## SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS

Providence Township has complied with the Commission Order by installing the exemption signage at all five crossings. Accordingly, the case should be closed.

**Bailey Road/TR 145 (DOT# 475-255J)  
Providence Township, Lucas County, Ohio**

Looking South from the North side of the crossing.



Looking North from the South side of the crossing.



**Pollock Road/TR 147 (DOT# 475-258E)  
Providence Township, Lucas County, Ohio**

Looking West from the East side of the crossing.



Looking East from the West side of the crossing.



**Patton Road/TR 148 (DOT# 475-262U)**  
**Providence Township, Lucas County, Ohio**

Looking West from the East side of the crossing.



Looking East from the West side of the crossing.





**Hartman Road/TR 113 (DOT# 475-264H)  
Providence Township, Lucas County, Ohio**

Looking South from the North side of the crossing.



Looking North from the South side of the crossing.



**Yawberg Road/TR 112 (DOT# 475-265P)  
Providence Township, Lucas County, Ohio**

Looking South from the North side of the crossing.



Looking North from the South side of the crossing.



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