

# Memo

To: Docketing Division

From: Jill Henry, Rail Specialist, Rail Division

Cc: PUCO Legal Department

Date: 5/19/17

Re: PUCO Case No. PUCO Case No. 16-523-RR-STP- In the Matter of a Request for Upgrades at Wheeling & Lake Erie Railway Grade Crossing on Main Street/CR 5 (DOT#472-918D) in Harrison County, Hopedale, Ohio and Hedge Avenue/TR 31 (DOT#472-914B) in Jefferson County, Creston, Ohio.

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On March 3, 2016, Commission Staff (PUCO) and Wheeling & Lake Erie Railway Company (WE) entered into a stipulation agreement whereby upgraded warning devices would be installed at Main Street (DOT# 472-918D) and Hedge Avenue (DOT#472-914B).

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 22, 2016 and December 14, 2016, WE filed with the Rail Division plans and estimates for the project. Delays in the plans and estimates were due to WE designing this project in house instead of utilizing an outside contractor. Additionally, the Main Street crossing design was complicated by additional track being built east of the crossing for switching purposes. Staff notes that both crossings have overlapping conditions so they must be completed together.

On March 16, 2017, Commission Staff approved the plans and estimates and granted construction authorization.

On April 10, 2017, WE requested a 180 day extension. Due to the project delays involving the plans and estimates, Staff supports WE's request for a 180 day extension. Staff recommends that the Commission approve a 180 day extension for both the Main Street/CR5 and Hedge Avenue/TR 31 crossings.

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Request for Extension  
Grade Crossing Project CR5/Hedge Rd.

The Wheeling & Lake Erie Railway requests an additional 180 day extension for the above referenced project for the following reason:

1) Due to the installation of a new siding track, the construction and configurations have taken much longer than expected.

We are awaiting on cost for the project. Once this is received we will order material and begin installations.

Please contact me with any questions or concerns relating to this request.

Sincerely,



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Summary: Memorandum In the Matter of a Request for an extension to the project completion deadlines at Wheeling & Lake Erie Railway Grade Crossings on Main Street/CR 5 (DOT#472-918D) in Harrison County, Hopedale, Ohio and Hedge Avenue/TR 31 (DOT#472-914B) in Jefferson County, Creston, Ohio. electronically filed by Mrs. Jill A Henry on behalf of PUCO/Rail Division