

# Memo

To: Docketing Division

From: Jill Henry, Rail Specialist, Rail Division

Cc: PUCO Legal Department

Date: 6/8/17

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.

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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 and that was granted on May 3, 2017. CUOH has completed preliminary site work on the Church Street project, but has experienced a delay in receiving materials from the manufacturer for the circuitry revisions at the adjoining crossings. On June 7, 2017, CUOH informed Staff that they might not meet the deadline by a few days. Staff advised CUOH to file for a 30 day extension request (see attached).

Staff recommends that the Commission grant the additional 30 day extension to CUOH, so that the materials can be received from the manufacturer, installed, and properly tested.



*a Genesee & Wyoming Company*

16-540-RR-STP

Public Utilities Commission of Ohio  
Docketing Division  
180 East Broad Street  
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7 June 2017

Re: DOT 152-045B Request for extension

Dear PUCO,

The Columbus and Ohio River Railroad requests a 30 day extension for the completion date for the Automatic Warning Device installation at Church St. Utica. 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 has ordered the material to make the circuit upgrades on those crossings. All of the field work has already been done in preparation for this project. The material has not yet been received from the vendor. I was told yesterday that the material was being manufactured and expects to ship sometime next week. The construction crew was scheduled to start 14 June 2017 but can't complete their work until our upgrades of the three overlapping crossings has been completed. The next available window for the construction crew is 12 July 2017. With their work requiring 4-5 days to complete, this puts us over the current deadline by 2-3 days.

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 Extension 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. electronically filed by Mrs. Jill A Henry on behalf of PUCO/Rail Division