

# Memo

To: Docketing Division

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Date: 8/16/17

Re: PUCO Case No. 16-1217-RR-RCP- In the Matter of a Request for an Exemption by the Mahoning County Engineer from Stopping for School Buses and Hazardous Materials Vehicles at the Duck Creek Road/CR 53 Grade Crossing (DOT#502-475E) located in Mahoning County, Ohio.

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## **BACKGROUND**

On May 31, 2016, the Mahoning County Engineer filed a request for exemption from stopping for school buses and hazardous material vehicles at Duck Creek Road/CR 53 (DOT#502-475E) Norfolk Southern Railway (NS) Crossing in Mahoning County, Ohio.

On June 30, 2016, Staff filed an investigative report that recommended the exemption be granted. On July 14, 2016, a local public hearing was held on the matter. Representatives from Mahoning County, Jackson Township, and Jackson- Milton local schools testified in support of the exemption. On October 26, 2016, the Commission granted the exemption request. The Commission further ordered Mahoning County to place exempt signage at the crossing and that NS notify the Commission, Mahoning County, Jackson Township, and Jackson-Milton Schools if rail traffic resumes at the crossing.

## **FINDINGS**

PUCO Rail Inspector Randy Johr visited the crossing. According to Mr. Johr, the exemption signage is in place (see attached pictures).

## **SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS**

Mahoning County has complied with the Commission Order by installing the exemption signage. Accordingly, the case should be closed.

**Duck Creek Rd/CR 53 (DOT# 502-475E)  
Mahoning County, Ohio**

Looking South from the North side of the crossing.



Looking North from the South side of the crossing.



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