

Memo

To: Docketing Division
From: Jill Henry, Rail Specialist, Rail Division
Cc: PUCO Legal Department
Date: 2/22/2019

Re: PUCO Case No. 17-2491-RR-FED- In the Matter of a Request for Upgrades to the Active Warning Devices at Center Street/SR 95 (DOT#518-415T) and Kenton Avenue/SR 309 (DOT#261-540P) in Marion County, Ohio.

On May 24, 2017, the Ohio Rail Development Commission (ORDC) authorized funding for CSX Transportation to modernize warning devices at two crossings in the City of Marion. The crossings were surveyed on August 29, 2013 and were found to warrant the upgrades.

On January 3, 2018, the Commission approved the project and ordered completion by October 3, 2018.

On September 4, 2018, CSX filed for a 90 day extension. In the request, CSX states that they have limited crew availability while PTC (Positive Train Control) projects are being completed. On October 24, 2018, the Commission granted a 90 day extension to the project making the new project deadline January 3, 2019.

On December 3, 2018, CSX filed for another 90 day extension. CSX states that construction is currently scheduled to begin March 2019 and continues to be delayed due to limited crew availability while PTC is being completed. The Commission granted a 45 day extension until February 19, 2019.

On January 18, 2019, CSX filed for a 90 day extension. Staff has been in discussion with CSX about their open projects. CSX has been moving forward with project construction and has provided a comprehensive construction schedule for all open projects to Staff. CSX is scheduled to begin construction for these crossings in May 2019.

ORDC has indicated to Staff that they not opposed to the extension request, but notes that this project is a safety project. Staff recommends that the Commission grant the extension request.



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January 18, 2019

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RE: Case # 17-2491-RR-FED REQUEST FOR 90 DAY EXTENSION

Crossing Location: Marion, Marion County, OH
Crossing Name: SR 95 / Center St
DOT # 518 415T
PID 96927
MP: QI-101.94
CSXT OP #: A46193

REQUEST FOR 90 DAY EXTENSION - Installation of grade crossing warning devices – ORDERED
completion date of February 19, 2019

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Currently, the team scheduled to complete this project will begin working on project OH1202 (Dunkirk PID 106442) followed by Van Buren OH1185 (PID 105729). Once OH1202 and OH1185 are in-service the team will be progressing to complete projects (Edison OH1165 PID 104633) and (Edison OH166 PID 104629). The anticipated start date for the first portion of the Marion Corridor project is April 19, 2019 with completion on 5-19-2019. Anticipated project duration is 4 weeks.

CSX formally requests approval of a 90 day extension making the new deadline date May 19, 2019.

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Crossing Location: Marion, Marion County, OH
Crossing Name: SR 309 / Kenton Avenue
DOT # 261 540P
PID 96926
MP: QI-101.62
CSXT OP #: A46195

REQUEST FOR 90 DAY EXTENSION - Installation of grade crossing warning devices – ORDERED
completion date of February 19, 2019

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