

# Memo

To: Docketing Division

From: Jill Henry, Rail Specialist, Rail Division

Date: 3/11/19

Re: PUCO Case No. 16-1365-RR-RCP- In the Matter of a Request for an Exemption by the Jackson Township Trustees from Stopping for School Buses and Hazardous Materials Vehicles at the Blott Road/TR 160 Crossing (DOT#544-985Y) located in Mahoning County, Ohio.

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## **BACKGROUND**

On June 13, 2016, the Jackson Township Trustees filed a request for exemption from stopping for school buses and hazardous material vehicles at Blott Road/TR 160 (DOT#544-985Y) 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 Jackson Township 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**

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

**Blott Rd/TR 160 (DOT# 544-985Y)  
Mahoning County, Ohio**

Looking East from the West side of the crossing.



Looking West from the East side of the crossing. Note: This picture was taken by the Jackson Township trustees- the original installation was stolen and not in place when our inspector visited the crossing.



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Summary: Memo Closing Case In the Matter of a Request for an Exemption by the Jackson Township Trustees from Stopping for School Buses and Hazardous Materials Vehicles at the Blott Road/TR 160 Crossing (DOT#544-985Y) located in Mahoning County, Ohio. electronically filed by Mrs. Jill A Henry on behalf of PUCO/Rail Division