

# Memo

To: Docketing Division

From: Jill Henry, Rail Specialist, Rail Division

Date: 4/26/19

Re: PUCO Case No. 17-592-RR-RCP- In the Matter of A Request by the Jefferson County Engineer's Office for an Exemption from the Requirement Under R.C. 4511.63 for School Buses and Hazardous Materials Vehicles to Stop at a Grade Crossing Located on County Road 75 in Springfield Township, Jefferson County, Ohio.

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## **BACKGROUND**

On February 28, 2017, the Jefferson County Engineer filed a request for exemption from stopping for school buses and hazardous material vehicles at the Wolf Run Road/CR 75 grade crossing (DOT#503-286L) located in Springfield Township, Jefferson County, Ohio.

On April 25, 2017, Staff filed an investigative report that recommended the exemption be granted under certain conditions. On May 1, 2017, a local public hearing was held on the matter and reconvened on July 26, 2017. No public witnesses appeared. Mr. Eric Hilty, from the Jefferson County Engineer's office, testified that he believes safety will be enhanced if vehicles are not stopping at the crossing. Ms. Crystal Baker, a bus driver for Edison Local Schools, testified that she crosses the crossing four times a day and has almost been rear ended. Mr. Joe DeBold, Transportation Supervisor for Edison Local Schools, testified that four buses use this crossing four times per day and the repeated stopping puts wear and tear on the buses. On August 16, 2017, the Commission ordered that the exemption be granted. The Commission further ordered the Jefferson County Engineer place exempt signage at the crossing, that Ohi-Rail place a stop and flag order on the crossing, and that Ohi-Rail should notify Staff if rail operations begin again at the crossing.

## **FINDINGS**

On September 18, 2017, the Jefferson County Engineer's office notified Staff that the exempt signage was in place at the crossing (See attached letter). On October 2, 2017, our local field inspector visited the crossing and verified the signage is in place (See attached pictures).

## **SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS**

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

### **Wolf Run Road/CR 75 Crossing (DOT#503-286L) Jefferson County, Ohio**

Looking East from the West side of the crossing.



Looking West from the East side of the crossing.



FILE



**JEFFERSON COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE**

**James F. Branagan, P.E., P.S.**

**Jefferson County Engineer**

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September 18, 2017

Public Utilities Commission of Ohio  
Docketing Division  
180 East Broad Street  
Columbus, Ohio 43215

RE: Notice of completion, Ohi-Rail Corporation Crossing, Jefferson County,  
County Road 75 (DOT#503286L) Grade Crossing Exempt Signs.

Case No. 17-592-RR-RCP

Dear PUCO Representative:

The Jefferson County Engineers Office has posted "Exempt" signs at the grade crossing listed above. This notice is to inform PUCO that such signs have been placed.

Please feel free to contact me at 740-283-8574.

Thank you for your consideration,

James F. Branagan, P.E., P.S.  
Jefferson County Engineer

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Summary: Memo Closing Case In the Matter of A Request by the Jefferson County Engineer's Office for an Exemption from the Requirement Under R.C. 4511.63 for School Buses and Hazardous Materials Vehicles to Stop at a Grade Crossing Located on County Road 75 in Springfield Township, Jefferson County, Ohio. electronically filed by Mrs. Jill A Henry on behalf of PUCO/Rail Division