

# Memo

To: Docketing Division

From: Jill Henry, Rail Specialist, Rail Division

Date: 4/26/19

Re: PUCO Case No. 17-915-RR-RCP- In the Matter of A Request by the Ohio Department of Transportation for an Exemption from Stopping for School Buses and Hazardous Materials Vehicles at the State Route 93/Adamsville Road Grade Crossing in Muskingum County.

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## **BACKGROUND**

On April 5, 2017, the Ohio Department of Transportation District (ODOT) #5 filed a request for exemption from stopping for school buses and hazardous material vehicles at the SR 93/Adamsville Road (DOT#515-009L) in Muskingum County, Ohio.

On May 18, 2017, Staff filed an investigative report that recommended the exemption be granted. On May 16, 2017, a local public hearing was held on the matter. Mr. Douglas Morgan, from ODOT District #5, testified that he believes safety will be increased if vehicles are not stopping at the crossing. Ms. Debbie Reed, Transportation Supervisor from Crooksville Schools testified that in addition to buses other school system transportation vehicles stop at this crossing. Mr. Michael Connor, V-President of Marketing for Zanesville & Western Railway (Z&W), testified that they anticipate reopening the line to freight service, but much work needs to be done on the tracks before service can be restored. On September 13, 2017, the Commission ordered that the exemption be granted. The Commission further ordered that ODOT District #5 place exemption signage at the crossing, that Z&W place a stop and flag order on the crossing, and that Z&W should notify Staff if rail operations increase at the crossing.

## **FINDINGS**

On August 5, 2018, our local field inspector visited the crossing and verified the signage is in place (See attached pictures).

## **SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS**

ODOT District #5 has complied with the Commission Order by installing the exemption signage. Accordingly, the case should be closed.

## SR 93/Adamsville Road Crossing (DOT#515-009L) Muskingum County, Ohio

Looking North from the South side of the crossing.



Looking South from the North side of the crossing.



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