

# Memo

**To:** Docketing Division

**From:** Thomas Persinger, Rail Project Specialist, Rail Division

**Cc:** PUCO Legal Department

**Date:** 10-31-2022

**Re:** PUCO Case No. 22-231-RR-FED- In the Matter of a Request for the Installation of Active Warning Devices at the Columbus & Ohio River Railroad Crossing, Gibbard Avenue, DOT#515-129C, in Franklin County, Ohio.

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On November 15, 2019, the Ohio Rail Development Commission (ORDC) authorized funding for Columbus & Ohio River Railroad (CUOH) to install lights and gates at Gibbard Avenue, DOT#515-129C, grade crossing in Franklin County, Ohio. The crossing was surveyed, on July 12, 2019, and was found to warrant the upgrades.

On April 6, 2022, the Commission approved the project and ordered completion by January 6, 2023.

On October 10, 2022, CUOH filed for a 6-month extension until July 6, 2023. In the request, CUOH stated their supplier has indicated their equipment needed to finish the project will not be available until sometime in January of 2023.

Staff has discussed this issue with ORDC, and they are supportive of the 6 month extension request due to supply issues impacting rail projects. Staff notes that CUOH has kept staff apprised of the supply issue. Staff finds that CUOH is working to complete this project. Staff recommends the extension request be approved.



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Public Utilities Commission of Ohio  
Docketing Division  
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RE: The Columbus & Ohio River Rail Road Crossing DOT# 515 129C, Gibbard Avenue, Columbus, Franklin County, Ohio; PID# 111139; Case 22-231-RR-FED.

Dear Commission Members:

Due to ongoing supply chain issues with suppliers, it is anticipated that the equipment needed for the subject project will not be available for installation by the current deadline of January 6, 2023. The Columbus & Ohio River Rail Road respectfully requests that an extension in the construction be granted until July 6, 2023.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

*Gregory Breaston*

Greg Breaston  
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**Cc:** Biesterveld, Benjamin; Kurth, Rene; Greg Breaston; David Shepherd; Tim Shepherd; Debby Shepherd  
**Subject:** RE: CONSTRUCTION START NOTIFICATION - Columbus, OH - Gibbard Ave. - Warning Device Installation

Subject: Columbus, Franklin County, OH – Warning Device Installation at Gibbard Ave – 515129C – Northern Region; CUOH MP 1.16; PID# 111139; Case No. 22-231-RR-FED; 19CUOH21R

Hi ORDC/PUCO,

Please be advised that Progress Rail has tentatively scheduled construction for the subject project to start January 2023. We will confirm the date as we get closer. Please let me know if you have any questions.

### Todd Sovann

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Sounds good....thank you.

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Summary: Memorandum In the Matter of a Request for the Installation of Active Warning Devices at the Columbus & Ohio River Railroad Crossing, Gibbard Avenue, DOT#515-129C, in Franklin County, Ohio. electronically filed by Mr. Thomas Persinger on behalf of PUCO/Rail Division