

Memo

To: Docketing Division

From: Thomas Persinger, Rail Project Specialist, Rail Division

Date: 2-2-2023

Re: PUCO Case No. 18-1278-RR-RCP- In the Matter of an Exemption Request for SR 14/ Cleveland E Liverpool Road (DOT#502-470V), SR 534/S Pricetown Road (DOT#502-473R), and SR 224/W Akron Canfield Road (DOT#502-474X) Grade Crossings, in Mahoning County, Ohio.

BACKGROUND

On August 14, 2018, the Ohio Department of Transportation District (ODOT) #4 filed a request for exemption from stopping for school buses and hazardous material vehicles at the SR 14/ Cleveland E Liverpool Road (DOT#502-470V), SR 534/S Pricetown Road (DOT#502-473R), and SR 224/W Akron Canfield Road (DOT#502-474X) Grade Crossings, in Mahoning County, Ohio.

On October 17, 2018, Staff filed an investigative report that recommended the exemption be granted. On October 19, 2018, a local public hearing was held on the matter. Sherri Malloy, Transportation Supervisor at West Branch Local Schools, testified that it is unsafe for buses to continue stopping at the crossings, stating it is “public knowledge” there are “not usable tracks” at the crossings. Larry Poage from ODOT testified that the crossings are not utilized for rail traffic. Tom Mather, mechanic for Marlinton Local Schools testified noting the track usage. On February 6, 2019, the Commission ordered that the exemption be granted. The Commission further ordered that ODOT District #4 place exemption signage at the crossing, that NS place a stop and flag order on the crossing, and that NS should notify Staff if rail operations increase at the crossing.

FINDINGS

On April 9, 2019, our local field inspector visited the crossing and verified the signage is in place (See attached pictures).

SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS

ODOT District #4 has complied with the Commission Order by installing the exemption signage. Accordingly, the case should be closed.

**SR 14/Cleveland E. Liverpool Road Crossing (DOT#502-470V)
Mahoning County, Ohio**

West



East



SR 534/S Pricetown Road Crossing (DOT#502-473R)
Mahoning County, Ohio
North



South



**SR 224/W. Akron Canfield Road Crossing (DOT#502-474X)
Mahoning County, Ohio**

Picture 1



Picture 2



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