

Memo

To: Docketing Division

From: Thomas Persinger, Rail Project Specialist, Rail Division

Cc: PUCO Legal Department

Date: 4-26-2023

Re: PUCO Case No. 22-64-RR-FED- In the Matter of a Request for Upgrades to the Active Warning Devices at the CSX Transportation Inc. Grade Crossing, DOT#142-348H, on Hire Road/ CR 173 in Defiance County, Ohio.

On April 13, 2021, the Ohio Rail Development Commission (ORDC) authorized funding for CSX Transportation Inc. (CSX) to upgrade lights and gates at Hire Road/CR 173, DOT#142-348H, grade crossing in Defiance County, Ohio. The crossing was surveyed, on September 21, 2020, and was found to warrant the upgrades.

On February 23, 2022, the Commission approved the project and ordered completion by November 23, 2022.

On October 14, 2022, CSX filed for a 90-day extension until February 23, 2022. In the request, CSX stated the completion of the project is delayed due to a material shortage on item GCP-4000, where the vendor is quoting a 1-2 month delay on shipping. On November 16, 2022, the Commission approved the extension request with a new deadline set for February 23, 2023.

On February 10, 2023, CSX filed for a 60-day extension, stating their vendor is planning to ship item GCP-4000 on February 19, 2023 and won't be complete by the new deadline. On March 8, 2023, the Commission approved the extension request with a new deadline set for April 23, 2023.

On April 18, 2023, CSX filed a request for another 60 day extension until June 23, 2023, stating a need for additional time to complete cut in testing. CSX has indicated this process requires additional staff and Dispatch Center Coordination to complete and won't be available until June 6th.

Staff has discussed this issue with ORDC, and they are supportive of the extension request. Staff notes that CSX has kept staff apprised of all supplier and personnel

delays. Staff finds that CSX is working to complete this project. Staff recommends the extension request be approved.

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Summary: Staff Review and Recommendation In the Matter of an Extension
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electronically filed by Mr. Thomas Persinger on behalf of PUCO/Rail Division.