

Memo

To: Docketing Division

From: Thomas Persinger, Rail Project Specialist, Rail Division

Date: 5-2-2023

Re: PUCO Case No. 17-2166-RR-RCP- In the Matter of the Request by Ashland Railway to Downgrade Warning Devices at SR 13 (DOT#152-160H) Grade Crossing in the City of Mansfield, Richland County, Ohio.

BACKGROUND

On October 19, 2017, Ashland Railway (ASRY) filed a request for a downgrade to warning devices at the SR 13 (DOT#152-160H) Grade Crossing in Richland County, Ohio. In their request, ASRY requested to permanently remove the overhead cantilever in the Southbound Lane. A dump truck had knocked down the cantilever resulting in broken welds in its mounting brackets making it deemed unsafe to repair. ASRY also indicated this crossing is half a mile from the end of the track, which receives one train a month. They indicate all trains are requested to approach this location with a 20 second minimum warning before occupying the crossing for headroom moves at a local grain elevator and the main signal mast remains in place with lights and gates.

On May 30, 2018, the Commission ordered that the downgrade request be granted with a condition that the mast is relocated four feet three inches from the curb. ASRY indicated the relocation of the mast was complicated by several issues, including the City of Mansfield failing to fix the sidewalk. Ultimately, ASRY opted to repair the cantilever and not relocate the mast.

FINDINGS

On October 24, 2019, our local field inspector visited the crossing and verified the cantilever has been repaired and is in place (See attached, current pictures).

SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS

ASRY did not comply with the Commission Order by removing the cantilever while relocating the device. Instead, they replaced the cantilever and complied with the original set up of the crossing. Accordingly, the case should be closed.

**SR 13/N. Main Street Crossing (DOT#152-160H)
Richland County, Ohio**

Looking North from the South side of the crossing.



Looking South from the North side of the crossing.



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Summary: Memorandum Memo regarding the Downgrade of Warning Devices at SR 13 (DOT#152-160H) Grade Crossing in the City of Mansfield, Richland County, Ohio, filed by Tom Persinger, Rail Project Specialist. electronically filed by Mr. Thomas Persinger on behalf of PUCO/Rail Division.