

Memo

To: Docketing Division

From: Thomas Persinger, Rail Project Specialist, Rail Division

Date: 9-8-2023

Re: PUCO Case No. 22-772-RR-RCP- In the Matter of an Exemption Request by the City of Portsmouth for the Norfolk Southern Railway Crossing at Twelfth Street/US 52 (DOT# 482-013F) in Scioto County, Ohio.

BACKGROUND

On August 8, 2022, the City of Portsmouth filed a request for exemption from stopping for school buses and hazardous material vehicles at the Twelfth Street/US 52 (DOT#482-013F) in Scioto County, Ohio.

On March 1, 2023, Staff filed an investigative report that recommended the exemption be granted. On April 6, 2023, a local public hearing was held on the matter, where no members of the public appeared to comment. Prior to Hearing, both Norfolk Southern (NS) and Osco Corporation provided written statements indicating the industry track involving the crossing will not be seeing train traffic in the future. On June 14, 2023, the Commission ordered that the exemption be granted. The Commission further ordered that the City of Portsmouth place exemption signage at the crossing and that NS should notify Staff if rail operations resume at the crossing.

FINDINGS

On September 1, 2023, our local field inspector visited the crossing and verified the signage is in place (See attached pictures). Note: Signage is only needed on one side of the crossing being a one-way street.

SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS

The City of Portsmouth has complied with the Commission Order by installing the exemption signage. Accordingly, the case should be closed.

US 52/Twelfth Street Crossing (DOT#482-013F) Scioto 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 completion of the Exemption Request by the City of Portsmouth for the Norfolk Southern Railway Crossing at Twelfth Street/US 52 (DOT# 482-013F) in Scioto County, Ohio, filed by Tom Persinger, Rail Project Specialist. electronically filed by Mr. Thomas Persinger on behalf of PUCO/Rail Division.