

# Memo

**To:** Docketing Division

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

**Cc:** PUCO Legal Department

**Date:** 12-7-2023

**Re:** PUCO Case No. 23-172-RR-FED- In the Matter of an Extension Request for the Installation of Active Warning Devices with Surface Reconstruction at the Indiana & Ohio Railway Grade Crossing, DOT# 525-283C at Highland Avenue in Hamilton County, Ohio.

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On April 28, 2021, the Ohio Rail Development Commission (ORDC) authorized funding for Indiana & Ohio Railway (IORY) to install lights and gates with surface reconstruction at the Highland Avenue, DOT#525-283C, grade crossing in Hamilton County, Ohio. The crossing was surveyed on September 26, 2019, and was found to warrant the upgrades.

On March 22, 2023, the Commission approved the project and ordered completion by December 22, 2023.

On December 6, 2023, IORY filed a request for a 6-month extension until June 22, 2024. IORY has indicated supply chain delays for parts GCP 3000+ and SSCC III is the reason where their supplier is not providing any estimated ship dates.

Given that the railroad is asking for a lengthy extension and has no potential timeline for equipment availability, Staff feels the best course of action would be to place the project in abeyance. The railroad would then be required to file monthly updates regarding the equipment availability. Once the railroad has the equipment on hand then a new project completion date can be determined. Staff has discussed this issue with ORDC, and they are supportive of the lengthy extension request with material shortages impact projects for all railroads. Staff notes that IORY has kept staff apprised of the supply chain issues. Staff finds that IORY is working to complete this project.

Staff recommends the project be put into abeyance and that the railroad be required to file monthly reports to keep staff and the Commission apprised of the status of the equipment needed to complete this project. Once the equipment is received by the railroad, a new project completion date will be determined.

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Summary: Staff Review and Recommendation In the Matter of an Extension Request for the Installation of Active Warning Devices with Surface Reconstruction at the Indiana & Ohio Railway Grade Crossing, DOT# 525-283C at Highland Avenue in Hamilton County, Ohio. electronically filed by Mr. Thomas Persinger on behalf of PUCO/Rail Division.