

Memo

To: Docketing Division

From: Thomas Persinger, Rail Project Specialist, Rail Division

Cc: PUCO Legal Department

Date: 12-14-2023

Re: PUCO Case No. 23-242-RR-FED- In the Matter of a Request for the Installation of Active Warning Devices at the Indiana & Ohio Railway Grade Crossing, DOT# 151-359U at Roe Street in Hamilton County, Ohio.

On March 1, 2022, the Ohio Rail Development Commission (ORDC) authorized funding for Indiana & Ohio Railway (IORY) to install lights and gates at the Roe Street, DOT# 151-359U, grade crossing in Hamilton County, Ohio. The crossing was surveyed on August 4, 2021, and was found to warrant the upgrades.

On April 19, 2023, the Commission approved the project and ordered completion by January 19, 2024.

On December 5, 2023, IORY filed for a 6-month extension until July 19, 2024. In the request, IORY stated extra time is needed due to supply chain shortages and have not received time estimates from suppliers on when the items will be available.

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 a Request for the Installation of Active Warning Devices at the Indiana & Ohio Railway Grade Crossing, DOT# 151-359U at Roe Street in Hamilton County, Ohio. electronically filed by Mr. Thomas Persinger on behalf of PUCO/Rail Division.