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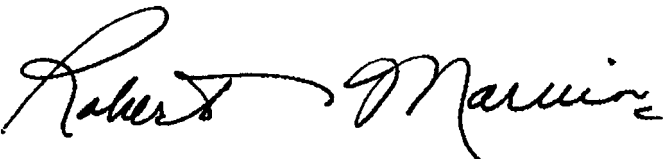
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To: Docketing

From: Robert E. Marvin, Chief



Subject: WV 85-97-16 -- Alleged excessive growth of weeds and vegetation, Certified Alloys, Cleveland, Cuyahoga County, Ohio, Consolidated Rail Corporation.

97-1376-RL-CSS

WV 86-97-17 -- Alleged excessive growth of weeds and vegetation, Edge Steel, Maple Heights, Cuyahoga County, Ohio, Consolidated Rail Corporation.

WV 87-97-18 -- Alleged excessive growth of weeds and vegetation, Oakwood Village, Cuyahoga County, Ohio, Consolidated Rail Corporation.

Date: October 23, 1997

Please docket the attached complaints filed by the Ohio State Legislative Board, United Transportation Union. These complaints are filed pursuant to Rule 4901-5-22, O.A.C.

These complaints are filed against the Consolidated Rail Corporation. It is recommended that copies be served on: Harry Crawford, District Superintendent, Consolidated Rail Corporation, 601 East 152nd Street, Cleveland, OH 44110 and William J. Thompson, Chairman, Ohio State Legislative Board, United Transportation Union, 2021 East Dublin-Granville Road, Suite 245, Columbus, OH 43229.

In the absence of a railroad answer within fifteen (15) days, the Railroad Division will arrange to investigate these complaints and file written reports of its findings.

c: William J. Thompson
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RAILROAD SECTION
Public Utilities Commission of Ohio

W.V. 86-97-17
CUYAHOGA Co.

The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio
180 East Broad Street, 5th Floor
Columbus, OH 43266-0573

ATTENTION: Mr. Robert E. Marvin, Chief
Transportation Department
Railroad Section

Gentlemen:

The Co-Operative Legislative Committee representing Ohio railroad employees wishes to file a weed and vegetation complaint (Ohio Administrative Code 4901-5-22) against the Consolidated Rail Corporation (Conrail), which railroad is subject to regulation under Chapters 4905 and 4907 of the Revised Code.

In conducting its railroad operation at Maple Heights, Ohio, said company has permitted unsafe and hazardous conditions to arise due to the excessive growth of weeds and vegetation on its property at the following location:

At Edge Steel the weeds are very high on both sides of the tracks and at the gate.

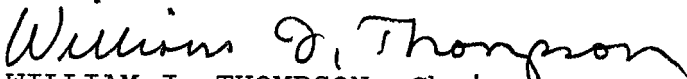
By its failure to establish or maintain an adequate vegetation control program early in the season, it is now endangering the railroad employees required to use these areas in the performance of their required duties.

It is requested that an investigation be conducted, under Section 4907.08, to determine if this railroad at the above

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location is in violation of your Commission's "Weed Order". If excessive growth is found, then an appropriate and timely order should be issued to require the elimination of the growth and the establishment of a vegetation control program to prevent the recurrence of such unsafe conditions.

Respectfully submitted,


WILLIAM J. THOMPSON, Chairman
Co-Operative Legislative Committee

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cc: Mr. Charles L. Little,
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