

STATE OF ILLINOIS

ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION

Elgin, Joliet & Eastern Railway Company, Illinois :
Central Railroad Company, Wisconsin Central Ltd., :
hereinafter collectively referred to as Canadian :
National Railway Company and the State of Illinois, :
Department of Transportation. :

T10-0095

Stipulated Agreement regarding improving public :
safety by replacement of the existing incandescent :
signal heads with light emitting diode (LED) signal :
heads at three hundred eighty six (386) CN public :
highway-rail grade crossings in Illinois. :

ORDER

By the Commission:

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

On March 16, 2010, March 30, 2010, May 18, 2010, May 18, 2010 and May 18, 2010 the Staff of the Illinois Commerce Commission ("Commission"), the Illinois Department of Transportation ("Department" or "IDOT"), Elgin, Joliet & Eastern Railway Company, Illinois Central Railroad Company and Wisconsin Central Ltd., collectively referred to as Canadian National Railway Company ("CN") respectively, executed Stipulated Agreement 1485 according to the provisions of Section 18c-7401 of the Illinois Commercial Transportation Law. The Stipulated Agreement, which is appended hereto, provides for the replacement of incandescent signal heads with light emitting diode (LED) signal heads at three hundred eighty-six (386) public highway-rail grade crossings of the CN's track(s) in Illinois. Stipulated Agreement 1485 contains an estimate of cost to accomplish the improvements and a division of cost among the parties and the Grade Crossing Protection Fund ("GCPF" or "Fund") of the Motor Fuel Tax Law.

FINDINGS AND ORDERING PARAGRAPHS

The Commission, having given due consideration to the Stipulated Agreement, finds that:

- (1) The Commission has jurisdiction over the parties and the subject matter of this proceeding;

- (2) The lists of CN's public highway-rail grade crossings subject of this proceeding are attached as Exhibits A1, A2 and A3 of the Stipulated Agreement appended hereto;
- (3) The parties agree that in the interest of public safety the improvements as set forth in Section 2 of the Stipulated Agreement, appended hereto should be performed;
- (4) The cost for the proposed improvements should be divided among the parties and the Grade Crossing Protection Fund of the Motor Fuel Tax Law, in accordance with the Law;
- (5) It is fair and reasonable that the Secretary of the Illinois Department of Transportation through the GCPF of the Motor Fuel Tax Law and CN should be directed to pay their respective portions of the actual cost of the proposed improvements as set forth in Section 5 of the Stipulated Agreement appended hereto;
- (6) 625 ILCS 5/18c-1701 and 1704 require each "person," as defined by Section 18c-1104, to comply with every regulation or order of the Commission. These sections further provide that any person who fails to comply with a Commission regulation or order shall forfeit to the state not more than \$1,000 for each such failure, with each day's continuance of the violation being considered a separate offense. While the Commission expects all parties to comply with this Order in all matters addressed herein and in a timely manner, the Commission advises that any failure to comply may result in the assessment of such sanctions;
- (7) Any person making a Request for an Extension of Time up to 30 days to complete a project ordered by the Commission must file a request with the Director of Processing and Information no later than 14 days in advance of the scheduled deadline. An Administrative Law Judge will consider and decide the request;
- (8) Any person making a Request for an Extension of Time that exceeds 30 days must file a Petition for Supplemental Order with the Director of Processing and Information no later than 21 days in advance of the scheduled deadline. The Commission will decide Petitions for Supplemental Orders;
- (9) Requests for Extension of Time and Petitions for Supplemental Orders must include the reason(s) the additional time is needed to complete the work and the time within which the project will be completed. Prior to submitting a Request for Extension of Time or a Petition for Supplemental Order, the person must notify the Commission's Rail Safety Program Administrator that it is unable to complete the project within the ordered timeframe;

- (10) The Commission or its Administrative Law Judge reserves the right to deny Petitions for Supplemental Orders and Requests for Extension of Time, if the reason(s) supporting the request is (are) insufficient or where it appears the person has not made a good faith effort to complete the project within the allotted time. Failure of the Commission or Administrative Law Judge to act on a pleading prior to the deadline means the originally ordered completion date remains in effect.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the terms of Stipulated Agreement 1485, executed by Staff of the Commission, the Illinois Department of Transportation, Elgin, Joliet & Eastern Railway Company, Illinois Central Railroad Company and Wisconsin Central Ltd. on March 16, 2010, March 30, 2010, May 18, 2010, May 18, 2010 and May 18, 2010 respectively, be and they are hereby accepted and required to be met by the aforesaid parties.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Elgin, Joliet & Eastern Railway Company, the Illinois Central Railroad Company and the Wisconsin Central Ltd. be, and they are hereby required and directed to proceed immediately in performing the improvements as set forth in Section 2 of the Stipulated Agreement, appended hereto, and shall complete the work within eighteen (18) months from the date of this Order.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the cost of making the improvements hereinbefore required shall be divided among the parties and the Grade Crossing Protection Fund of the Motor Fuel Tax Law as set forth in Section 5 of the Stipulated Agreement, appended hereto.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that all bills for expenditures authorized for reimbursement from the Grade Crossing Protection Fund shall be submitted to the Fiscal Control Unit, Bureau of Local Roads and Streets, Illinois Department of Transportation, 2300 S. Dirksen Parkway, Springfield, IL 62764. The Department shall send a copy of all invoices to the Director of Processing and Information, Transportation Bureau of the Commission. All bills shall be submitted to the Department no later than twelve (12) months from the completion date specified in this Commission Order. The final bill for expenditures shall be clearly marked "Final Bill". All bills shall meet the minimum documentation requirements set forth in Section 8 of the Stipulated Agreement, appended hereto. The Department shall not obligate any assistance from the Grade Crossing Protection Fund for the cost of proposed improvements set forth in Section 2 of the Stipulated Agreement, appended hereto, without prior approval by the Commission. The Commission shall, at the end of the 12th month from the completion date specified in this or any Supplemental Order, conduct a review to determine if any unused assistance from the Grade Crossing Protection Fund should be de-obligated. Upon completion of the review, the Commission shall notify the Department to de-obligate all residual funds accountable for installation costs for this project. Notification may be by regular mail, electronic mail, fax, or phone.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Elgin, Joliet & Eastern Railway Company, the Illinois Central Railroad Company and the Wisconsin Central Ltd, within six (6) month intervals from the date of this Commission Order, shall submit a Project Status Report, attached as Exhibit 1 of the Stipulated Agreement, with the Director of Processing and Information, Transportation Bureau of the Commission, stating the progress they have made toward completion of the work herein required. Each Project Status Report shall include the Commission Order Number, the Order date, the project completion date as noted in the Order, crossing information (Inventory Numbers and Railroad Mileposts), type of improvement, and the name, title, mailing address, phone number, facsimile number and electronic mailing address of the Company Project Manager.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Elgin, Joliet & Eastern Railway Company, the Illinois Central Railroad Company and the Wisconsin Central Ltd be, and they are hereby required and directed to submit a Project Status Report, to the Director of Processing and Information, Transportation Bureau of the Commission, stating that the work herein required has been completed. Said Reports shall be submitted within five (5) days after the project completion date.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that any person making a Request for an Extension of Time up to 30 days to complete a project ordered by the Commission must file a request with the Director of Processing and Information no later than 14 days in advance of the scheduled deadline. An Administrative Law Judge will consider and decide the request.

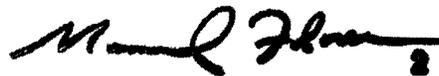
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IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, subject to Sections 18c-2201 and 18c-2206 of the Law, this is the final decision subject to the Administrative Review Law.

By Order of the Commission this 2nd day of June 2010.



MANUEL FLORES
ACTING CHAIRMAN

JUDGE
SECTION CHIEF <i>mes</i>
ORDERS SUPERVISOR