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VIA HAND-DELIVERY

The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio **Docketing Division** 180 East Broad Street Columbus, Ohio 43215-3793

Re:

In the Matter of the Authorization of the CSX Transportation, Chicago, Ft. Wayne & Eastern Railroad, and Norfolk Southern Railway to Install Active Grade Crossing Warning Devices at Four

Locations in Ohio

PUCO Case No. 06-02-RR-FED Our File No.: N1432/176814

Dear Docketing Clerk:

Enclosed for filing are an original and seven (7) copies of a Request for Extension of Construction Deadline. Please file this Request and then return a date-stamped copy to me via the enclosed, stamped envelope.

Please call me - at (419) 241-6000 - if you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

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DCT/sk **Enclosures**

Mr. George Martin (w/enc.)

Ms. Susan Kirkland (w/enc.)

Mr. Rick Ray (w/enc.)

Mr. John Kuzma (w/enc.)

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In the Matter of the Authorization of the CSX Transportation, Chicago, Ft. Wayne & Eastern Railroad, and Norfolk Southern Railway to Install Active Grade Crossing Warning Devices at Four Locations in Ohio. Case No. 06-02-RR-FED

REQUEST FOR EXTENSION
OF CONSTRUCTION DEADLINE

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Norfolk Southern Railway Company ("Norfolk Southern") respectfully requests that it be granted an extension of time through August 9, 2007 within which to complete construction of the following project:

Sandusky County, Stone Street, City of Fremont (510-245Y).

A memorandum in support is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

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MEMORANDUM

By Entry of January 18, 2006, Norfolk Southern was authorized to install active warning devices at two separate grade crossings, including the Stone Street crossing (510-245Y) in Fremont, Sandusky County, Ohio, with construction to be completed by January 18, 2007.

During the engineering phase of the Stone Street project, Norfolk Southern and the Ohio Rail Development Commission determined that an adjacent crossing (the State Street crossing, 510-246F) would need to be upgraded and interconnected with the Stone Street crossing (see, e.g., the attached Memo of July 20, 2006); accordingly, and via subsequent Entry of August 9, 2006 (in Case No. 06-930-RR-FED), Norfolk Southern was authorized to install active warning devices at the State Street crossing as well, with a construction deadline of August 9, 2007.

In light of the interconnected circuitry, the Stone and State Street projects must proceed together; accordingly, Norfolk Southern respectfully requests that it be granted an

¹ Construction at the second crossing – the Wheeling Street crossing (851-539A) in Toledo – is expected to be completed by the existing deadline.

extension of time through August 9, 2007 (i.e., the current deadline for the State Street project) within which to complete construction of the Stone Street project as well.

Respectfully submitted,

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PROOF OF SERVICE

A copy of the foregoing Request for Extension of Construction Deadline was mailed this 28th day of December, 2006, to Mr. George Martin, The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, 180 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43266-0573; to Ms. Susan Kirkland, Ohio Rail Development Commission, 50 West Broad Street, 15th Floor, Columbus, Ohio 43615; to Mr. Rick Ray, Norfolk Southern Railway Company, 1200 Peachtree Street NE, Box 123, Atlanta, Georgia 30309; and to Mr. John Kuzma, Engineering Department, 323 South Front Street, Fremont, Ohio 43420.

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Memo

The

Docketing Division

From

George Martin, Grade Crossing Planner, Rail Division

Rec

in the matter of the authorization of Norfolk Southern Railway to construct an active grade

crossing warning device in Sandusky County

Date: July 20, 2006

Under PUCO Case No. 06-02-RR-FED, the Commission ordered Norfolk Southern Rallway (NS) to install an active grade crossing warning device in Sandusky County, City of Freemont, Stone St, DOT# 510-245Y. During the engineering phase of this project NS and the Ohio Rail Development Commission (ORDC) determined that an adjacent crossing located at State St would need to be upgraded and interconnected with Stone St. ORDC has now authorized NS to construct an active grade crossing warning device at:

Sandusky County, City of Freemont, State St, DOT# 510-246F

The project is actual cost and will be funded with 100% federal funds. Staff requests an Entry with plans and estimates to be submitted to the Commission and ORDC within ninety days and construction to be completed within one year. Upon approval of the plans and estimates by ORDC construction may commence. A suggested case coding and heading would be:

PUCO Case No. 06- 930 -RR-FED In the matter of the authorization of Norfolk Southern Railway to construct an active grade crossing warning device in Sancusky County

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