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# Memo

**To:** Docketing Division

**From:** George Martin, Grade Crossing Planner, Rail Division

**Re:** PUCO Case No. 08-276-RR-FED Norfolk Southern Railway, Hancock County, CR 216, DOT# 472-461L

**Date:** December 12, 2008

By its Entry dated March 26, 2008 the Commission ordered Norfolk Southern Railway (NS) to install an active grade crossing warning device at CR 216 by March 26, 2009. Via phone and email as referenced in the staff memo docketed December 8, 2008, NS notified staff that the rail through the crossing had been permanently removed.

On December 12, 2008 Rail Inspector Melinda Bolbach submitted to staff photographs (attached) of the crossing showing that the roadway has been restored, and crossbucks, pavement markings and advanced warning signs removed.

If it does not conflict with NS operating practices or track safety standards, staff recommends that NS install either locked derails or bumper posts at the end of track on both sides of the crossing and remove the debris piles that currently block the ends of the track. It is a concern that individuals over time may remove material from the debris piles for use as fill, etc., thereby allowing train cars to roll off the track. Staff further recommends, again if it does not conflict with NS operating practices, that NS indicate in its timetable that this location is "end of track" and include the railroad milepost.

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