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Case No. 08-574-RR-FED <u>REQUEST FOR EXTENSION</u> <u>OF CONSTRUCTION DEADLINE</u>

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crossing (DOT# 524-642V) in West Carrollton, Montgomery County, Ohio.

A memorandum in support is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

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MEMORANDUM

By Entry of May 28, 2008, the Commission authorized Norfolk Southern to install active warning devices at the Kimberly Road crossing (DOT# 524-642V) in West Carrollton, Montgomery County, Ohio, with construction to be completed by May 28, 2009.

The authorized installation project is in fact nearly completed – most notably, the warning devices have been installed and tested, etc. The only aspect of the project remaining is for Norfolk Southern to install the insulated joints (which confine the detection circuitry to the immediate area of the crossing), and to then hang the gates and activate and test the detection circuitry. Norfolk Southern is scheduled to pick-up the insulated joints (special order, from the manufacturer) tomorrow (on May 28), and should then be able to install them by Monday, June 1; absent anything unforeseen, the remainder of the project (that is, the hanging of the gates and the activation and testing of the detection circuitry) should then be completed within ten days of that date, meaning by June 11.

In light of the above, Norfolk Southern respectfully requests that it be granted an extension of time of fourteen (14) days – through June 11, 2009 – within which to complete this project.

Norfolk Southern apologizes for the timing of this request; unfortunately, there appears to have been a communication breakdown within Norfolk Southern and, accordingly, this issue did not surface until Tuesday, May 26.

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PROOF OF SERVICE

A copy of the foregoing *Request for Extension of Construction Deadline* was mailed this <u>21</u>[^] day of May, 2009, to **Ms. Leah Thomas Dalton**, Deputy Chief, Transportation Department, Safety/Programs Rail, c/o The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, 180 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43266-0573; **Ms. Susan Kirkland**, Ohio Rail Development Commission, 50 West Broad Street, 15th Floor, Columbus, Ohio 43615; **Mr. Rick Ray**, Norfolk Southern Railway Company, 99 Spring Street SW, Box 123, Atlanta, Georgia 30303; and **City of West Carrollton**, 300 East Center Avenue, West Carrollton, Ohio 45449.

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