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VIA FACSIMILE AND U.S. MAIL

The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio **Docketing Division** 180 East Broad Street Columbus, Ohio 43215-3793 Fax No.: 614-466-0313

Re:

In the Matter of the Authorization of CSX Transportation, Indiana & Ohio Railway and Norfolk Southern Railway to Install Active Grade Crossing

Warning Devices in Five Counties PUCO Case No. 07-1169-RR-FED Our File No: N1432/176814

Dear Docketing Clerk:

Attached for filing is a Status Report.

I confirm that, via regular mail, we are forwarding to you the original document plus seven copies.

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

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

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Mr. Robert Stanley (w/enc.)

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

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Case No. 07-1169-RR-FED

: <u>STATUS REPORT</u>

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Railway Company

Per telephone conference with Robert L. Stanley (Miamisburg's City Engineer) on November 30, 2009, counsel for Norfolk Southern Railway Company understands that Miamisburg's personnel have met with the majority of the local business constituents, and that they intend to follow with any remaining constituents as this week moves along. They then intend to confer further with Miamisburg's City Council, in or about mid to late December, and to then

follow with the other interested parties (specifically, Norfolk Southern and the Ohio Rail Development Commission) by early to mid January of 2010, in furtherance of the parties' common interest in reaching a mutually-beneficial agreement providing for the improvement of the majority of Miamisburg's crossings (including Kercher Street, which the parties agree should be addressed in conjunction with the other crossings in the corridor) versus the closure of at least certain crossings, due to redundancy and/or engineering concerns.

Constructive dialogue remains ongoing, as the parties continue their efforts with respect to this significant corridor project.

Assuming the Commission's approval, Norfolk Southern will file a further status report by February 12, 2010 (following further dialogue with Miamisburg).

Respectfully submitted,

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A copy of the foregoing *Status Report* was mailed this <u>30</u> day of November, 2009 to: Leah Thomas Dalton, Deputy Chief, Transportation Department, Safety Programs Division/Rail, c/o The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, 180 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43266-0573; Susan Kirkland, Manager, Safety Programs, c/o Ohio Rail Development Commission, 1980 West Broad Street, 2nd Floor, Columbus, Ohio 43223; Rick Ray, Norfolk Southern Railway Company, 1200 PeachTree Street, Atlanta, Georgia 30309; and Robert L. Stanley, City Engineer, 10 North First Street, Miamisburg, Ohio 45342.

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