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> 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

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Thank you.

Very truly yours,

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Leah Thomas Dalton (w/enc.) cc: Susan J. Kirkland (w/enc.) Robert Stanley (w/enc.)

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## BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

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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. : Case No. 07-1169-RR-FED : STATUS REPORT : D. Casey Talbott (0046767) (Trial Attorney) Mark W. Sandretto (0079536) : EASTMAN & SMITH LTD. One SeaGate, 24<sup>th</sup> Floor : P.O. Box 10032 Toledo, Ohio 43699-0032 : Telephone: (419) 241-6000 Fax: (419) 247-1777 : Attorneys for Norfolk Southern : Railway Company :

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This will serve as a Status Report in the above matter.

Miamisburg's personnel have now completed their meetings with the local business constituents, and will be meeting further with Miamisburg's City Council on February 16, 2010. Miamisburg and Norfolk Southern are then scheduled to speak on March 1, 2010, toward brainstorming an outstanding engineering issue or two (which may necessitate another site visit), with the hope that Miamisburg will thereafter be in a position to enter into an appropriate letter 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 April 13, 2010 (following further dialogue and, presumably, the on-site visit).

Respectfully submitted,

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A copy of the foregoing *Status Report* was mailed this  $\underline{\mathcal{N}}$  day of February, 2010 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 J. Kirkland, Manager, Safety Programs, Ohio Rail Development Commission, 1980 West Broad Street, 2nd Floor, Columbus, Ohio 43223; and Robert L. Stanley, City Engineer, 10 North First Street, Miamisburg, Ohio 45342.

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