Public Utilities Commission of Ohio

Memo

To:

Docketing Division

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George Martin, Grade Crossing Planner, Rail Division

Re:

PUCO Case No. 10-1446-RR-FED Request of the Norfolk Southern Railway for an extension

of time to complete grade crossing projects in Lorain County

Date:

December 20, 2011

By its Entry dated October 4, 2010, the Commission ordered that Norfolk Southern Railway (NS) should complete the following grade crossing upgrades by January 4, 2012:

Lorain County, City of North Ridgeville

523844G Chestnut Ridge 4 quadrant gates w/flashing lights

523845N Root Rd

4 quadrant gates w/flashing lights

523848J Race Rd

4 quadrant gates w/flashing lights

523847C Maddock Rd

Circuitry upgrade w/median barriers

The safety improvements were designed to establish a quiet zone.

On December 16, 2011 NS filed in this docket a request for an extension of time, through July 4, 2012, to complete these projects. NS states that the Ohio Rail Development Commission (ORDC) has to resolve issues related to reimbursing the City for work that has yet to be done, and that area asphalt plants have closed for the winter. Once the reimbursement issues have been resolved the City can complete its portion of the project (installation of loop detectors and median barriers, and re-paving the roadway), and NS can complete the projects by installing exit gates.

NS has kept staff informed throughout the duration of the project of the various issues involved. Staff recommends that the Commission grant this request.

C: Legal Department

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