

BEFORE

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

In the Matter of the Authorization of)
Norfolk Southern Railroad for a Safety) Case No. 10-1446-RR-FED
Upgrade for a Quiet Zone Corridor Project)
in North Ridgeville, Lorain County.)

ENTRY

The Commission finds:

- (1) By entry of October 4, 2010, the Commission approved a safety upgrade for a quiet zone corridor project in the city of North Ridgeville, Lorain County. The corridor project involves the installation of four quadrant flashing lights and gates at the Chestnut Ridge (523-844G), Root Road (523-845N), and Race Road (523-848J) grade crossings, and a circuitry upgrade with median barriers at the Maddock Road (523-847C) grade crossing. Funding for these projects included up to \$694,079 to the city in Congressional Set-Aside Ohio 279 Funds, \$800,000 under the American Recovery & Reinvestment Act, up to \$173,520 to Norfolk Southern Railroad (NS), and up to \$500,000 from the Ohio Rail Development Commission (ORDC). The project was ordered to be completed by January 4, 2012.
- (2) On December 15, 2011, NS filed a request for an extension of time, until July 4, 2012, to complete the projects. NS notes that substantial work has been performed toward completing the projects. However, NS states that there is a temporary stay to the projects because the ORDC remains in the process of working through certain issues relating to reimbursement to be made to the city and because the area asphalt plants have closed for the winter. NS indicates that once the reimbursement concerns are resolved and the asphalt plants have reopened, the city will complete its portion of the projects, including the installation of vehicle detection circuitry and median barriers, and NS will be able to complete its portion of the projects, including the installation of exit gates at the crossings.
- (3) On December 20, 2011, staff filed a memorandum recommending that the Commission approve NS's extension request.

- (4) Upon review, good cause exists to grant the requested extension of the completion deadline. Accordingly, the deadline for completion of the projects is extended to July 4, 2012. In addition, Commission staff should continue to monitor the projects to ensure it is completed within the newly-ordered time frame.

It is, therefore,

ORDERED, That NS's request for an extension of time be granted. It is, further,

ORDERED, That NS complete the projects by July 4, 2012. It is, further,

ORDERED, That copies of this entry be served upon NS, ORDC, Ohio Edison Co. North Ridgeville Engineer, the North Ridgeville Mayor, and any other interested person of record.

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

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