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Memo

To: Docketing Division

From: George Martin, Grade Crossing Planner, Rail Division *DM*

Re: In the matter of the authorization of CSX Transportation and Norfolk Southern Railway to install active grade crossing warning devices in Logan and Scioto Counties

Date: July 5, 2012

The Ohio Rail Development Commission (ORDC) has authorized funding for CSX Transportation (CSX) to install mast mounted flashing lights and roadway gates at the CR 121, Bokes Creek Township, DOT# 513786L, grade crossing in Logan County. The crossing was surveyed on November 9, 2011 and was found to warrant the upgrade.

ORDC has also authorized funding for Norfolk Southern Railway (NS) to install mast mounted flashing lights and roadway gates at the Webster Street, City of Portsmouth, DOT# 473461P, grade crossing in Scioto County. The crossing was surveyed on January 23, 2012 and was found to warrant the upgrade.

The projects will be paid for with federal funds, and are actual cost. As the plans and estimates have already been submitted and approved, staff requests an Entry with completion of the projects in nine months. Construction may commence at once. Staff requests that the following language be incorporated in the Entry:

It is expected that all work necessary for FHWA acceptance of the warning devices will be completed by the in-service due date and that the railroad will be responsible for this work. This work includes, but is not limited to:

Any ancillary work to make the warning devices function as designed and visible to the roadway user, and

MUTCD compliance, including minor roadway work if necessary.

A suggested case coding and heading would be:

PUCO Case No. 12- **1986** -RR-FED In the matter of the authorization of CSX Transportation and Norfolk Southern railway to install active grade crossing warning devices in Logan and Scioto Counties

C: Legal Department

Please serve the following parties of record

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**OHIO RAIL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
INTER-OFFICE COMMUNICATION**

TO: Leah Thomas-Dalton, Rail Division Chief, PUCO
FROM: Susan Kirkland, Manager, Safety Section, ORDC
BY: Tim Perkins, Project Manager 
SUBJECT: Logan County, C.R. 121, CSX, DOT No. 513 786 L, PID No. 92771, Mile Post QT – 82.14: OH0876
DATE: July 2, 2012

The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO) established a diagnostic survey at the subject location on November 9, 2011. The Ohio Rail Development Commission (ORDC) attended the review. The Diagnostic Team recommended the improvement of warning devices to flashing lights and roadway gates. Copies of the diagnostic review form and the plan and estimate are attached.

PE has already been provided by the railroad. ORDC approves the site plans and estimates as provided. Please issue a construction-only order for the project outlined above. This construction authorization is made with the stipulation and understanding that any field work needs prior approval before the work begins. This authorization is made with the stipulation and understanding that an approved estimate may contain entries for items or activities that may be cited and found to be ineligible for federal participation during the project audit.

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Thank you for your assistance with these matters.

Attachment: Diagnostic Review
Plan & Estimate

George Martin, PUCO

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TO: Leah Thomas-Dalton, Rail Division Chief, PUCO
FROM: Susan Kirkland, Manager, Safety Section, ORDC
BY: Timothy Perkins, Project Manager *Timothy Perkins*
SUBJECT: Scioto County, Webster, Norfolk Southern, DOT No. 473 461 P, PID No. 92941, Mile Post N-600.2: S&E Project No. 10.1263
DATE: July 2, 2012

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c: George Martin, PUCO
ORDC Project Manager (file) ✓

George Martin, PUCO



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July 2, 2012

Amanda DeCesare
CSX Transportation
Public Projects Manager
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RE: Logan County, C.R. 121, Home Road, DOT No. 513 786 L,
PID No. 92771, OP: OH0876

Dear Ms. DeCesare:

The CSX Transportation (CSX) plan and estimate dated June 8, 2012, in the amount of \$238,686.00 for the referenced project has been reviewed and is acceptable. CSX may proceed with the construction of the proposed grade crossing warning system in accordance with the abbreviated plan. This authorization is made with the stipulation and understanding that the approved estimate may contain entries for items or activities that may be cited and found to be ineligible for federal participation during the project audit. Reimbursement of eligible actual cost is limited to \$238,686.00. Additional costs must be approved in writing by the ORDC prior to being incurred. Emergency verbal authorizations by ORDC may be permitted and will be confirmed by ORDC in writing within ten (10) business days of the verbal approval.

This authorization is contingent upon CSX accepting the following instructions:

1. CSX will furnish prior written notification of their scheduled date to start construction to George Martin, PUCO, Railroad Division.
2. CSX's project foreman will furnish FAX or written notification five (5) working days prior to the date work will start at the project site to Tim Perkins, Ohio Rail Development Commission (ORDC), 1980 West Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43223, email Tim.Perkins@dot.state.oh.us or FAX (614) 728-4520, (telephone number 614-644-0284), and to the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio at 180 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215, email George.martin@puc.state.oh.us, (telephone number 614-752-9107). CSX's project foreman will also notify the same of any stops and re-starts of the work activity and of the date work was completed for the project.
3. CSX will arrange for utilities to be located at the project site by the Ohio Utilities Protection Service (OUPS) prior to any construction activities at the site. Utilities that are not participating members of the service must be contacted directly by CSX.



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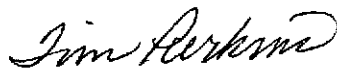
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4. CSX's project foremen will notify Tim Perkins of any changes in the scope of work, cost overruns, material changes, etc. which are not included in the approved plan and estimate and secure approval of same before the work is performed.
5. CSX will furnish two (2) copies of each partial bill to ORDC. Please find the enclosed Encumbrance Estimate to reference when billing.
6. CSX will furnish two (2) copies of the final all-inclusive bill to ORDC stating the exact dates of starting and completing work, the initial and final dates of construction and location where the accounts may be audited.
7. No roadway widening planned, both foundations should be located 8'3" from the edge of roadway for better preview.

Thank you for your assistance with these matters.

Sincerely,



Tim Perkins
Project Manager

C: Leah Thomas-Dalton, Rail Division Chief, PUCO
George Martin, PUCO, Grade Crossing Planner ✓
ORDC (file)

George Martin, PUCO



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July 2, 2012

Cayela J. Wimberly
Administrator, Highway Grade Crossings
Norfolk Southern Corporation
1200 Peachtree Street, N.E., Box 123
Atlanta, Georgia 30309

RE: Scioto County, Webster Street, DOT No. 473 461 P, PID 92941,
Mile Post: N-600.2, S&E Project No. 10.1263

Dear Ms. Wimberly:

The Norfolk Southern (NS) plan and estimate dated June 22, 2012, in the amount of \$238,458.00 for the referenced project has been reviewed and is acceptable. NS may proceed with the construction of the proposed grade crossing warning system in accordance with the abbreviated plan. This authorization is made with the stipulation and understanding that the approved estimate may contain entries for items or activities that may be cited and found to be ineligible for federal participation during the project audit. Reimbursement of eligible actual cost is limited to \$238,458.00. Additional costs must be approved in writing by the ORDC prior to being incurred. Emergency verbal authorizations by ORDC may be permitted and will be confirmed by ORDC in writing within ten (10) business days of the verbal approval.

This authorization is contingent upon NS accepting the following instructions:

1. NS will furnish prior written notification of their scheduled date to start construction to George Martin, PUCO, Railroad Division.
2. NS's project foreman will furnish FAX or written notification five (5) working days prior to the date work will start at the project site to Tim Perkins, Ohio Rail Development Commission (ORDC), 1980 West Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43223, email Tim.Perkins@dot.state.oh.us or FAX (614) 728-4520, (telephone number 614-644-0284), and to the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio at 180 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215, email George.martin@puc.state.oh.us, (telephone number 614-752-9107). NS's project foreman will also notify the same of any stops and re-starts of the work activity and of the date work was completed for the project.
3. NS will arrange for utilities to be located at the project site by the Ohio Utilities Protection Service (OUPS) prior to any construction activities at the site. Utilities that are not participating members of the service must be contacted directly by NS.

4. NS's project foremen will notify Tim Perkins of any changes in the scope of work, cost overruns, material changes, etc. which are not included in the approved plan and estimate and secure approval of same before the work is performed.
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Thank you for your assistance with these matters.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Tim Perkins".

Tim Perkins
Project Manager

C: Leah Thomas-Dalton, Rail Division Chief, PUCO
George Martin, PUCO, Grade Crossing Planner
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