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## Public Utilities Commission of Ohio

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## Memo

To:

**Docketing Division** 

From:

George Martin, Grade Crossing Planner, Rail Division

Re:

PUCO Case No. 13-1131-RR-FED, Request of Norfolk Southern Railway for an extension of

time to complete a grade crossing warning device project in Stark County

Date:

February 5, 2014

By its Finding & Order dated May 15, 2013, the Commission ordered that Norfolk Southern Railway (NS) install mast-mounted flashing lights and roadway gates at Stark County, City of Alliance, Broadway Street, DOT# 544871L, on or before February 17, 2014.

This grade crossing project was initiated due the hazard ranking of Broadway Street. In addition to the installation of lights and gates, the project also involves the removal of abandoned tracks in the northeast quadrant of the crossing, plus roadway work to allow the installation to be MUTCD compliant while avoiding underground utilities located through the crossing.

On February 3, 2014, NS filed in the docket a request for a sixty (60) day extension of time to complete the project. NS noted that in addition to the above comments, the project has necessitated two redesigns which delayed the construction start to January 16, 2014.

Staff has been involved in all phases of this project with both NS and the City of Alliance. Staff recommends that the Commission grant this request.

C: Legal Department

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