

BEFORE

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

In the Matter of the Request for Norfolk)
Southern Railway Company to Install)
Active Grade Crossing Warning Devices at) Case No. 13-301-RR-STP
Griggs Street, in the Village of Ashville,)
Pickaway County.)

ENTRY

The Commission finds:

- (1) By Finding and Order issued February 13, 2013, the Commission approved a subsidy stipulation between Staff, the Ohio Rail Development Commission (ORDC), Norfolk Southern Railway Company (NS), and the village of Ashville (Village), to install flashing lights and warning gates at the Griggs Street grade crossing (481-432A), located in the village of Ashville, Pickaway County. NS was directed to complete the project by February 13, 2014.
- (2) By Entry of February 5, 2014, NS was granted an extension of time until August 13, 2014, to complete the project. The extension was granted due to equipment concerns and inclement weather, as well as work conducted by the Village.
- (3) On January 23, 2014, NS requested a six-month extension of time, through February 13, 2015, to complete the project. NS notes that it has completed the related track work and the Village has re-profiled the proposed roadway approach and redesigned the adjacent intersection. According to NS, because the Village is finalizing the involved roadway plans and is preparing to bid and award the roadway contract, the actual roadway work will not be completed until December 2014. As a result, NS's signal installation at the crossing is not anticipated to be completed until February 2015, necessitating the extension of the completion date. NS notes that the Village consents to the extension request.
- (4) On August 5, 2014, Staff filed a memorandum noting that NS cannot complete the project until the Village completes the roadway work and recommending that the extension request be granted.

- (5) Upon review, the Commission finds that NS's request for a six-month extension, until February 13, 2015, should be granted. Accordingly, NS is granted an extension of time until February 13, 2015, to complete the project. NS is directed to follow all standard railroad crossing safety protocol so as to ensure the protection of the traveling public at this crossing. NS is also directed to expedite the work at this crossing so as to timely complete the project. In addition, Staff should continue to monitor the work at the project to ensure completion within the newly-ordered timeframe.

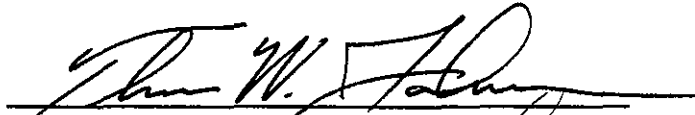
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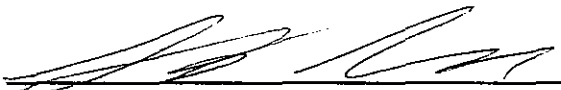
ORDERED, That NS's request for an extension of time to complete the project is granted in accordance with finding 4. It is, further,

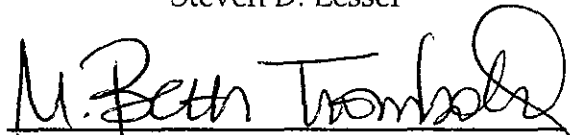
ORDERED, That NS complete the project by February 13, 2015. It is, further,

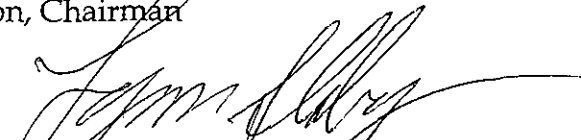
ORDERED, That copies of this Entry be served upon NS, ORDC, village of Ashville, and any other interested person of record.

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO


Thomas W. Johnson, Chairman


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