## **BEFORE**

## THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

| In the Matter of the Request for Norfolk   | ) |                        |
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| 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. NS was directed to complete the project by February 13, 2014.
- (2) NS was granted extensions of the construction deadline, most recently until February 13, 2015. These extensions were granted as a result of equipment concerns, inclement weather, and in order for the Village to complete the roadway work associated with the project.
- (3) On February 2, 2015, with the consent of the Village, NS requested an additional extension of five months, through July 13, 2015, to complete the project. NS notes that it has completed the track work related to the project and the Village has re-profiled the proposed roadway approach and redesigned the adjacent intersection. According to NS, the parties are in the process of scheduling a pre-construction meeting with the Village to work towards completing the roadway work, contingent upon the weather, with completion anticipated in late April 2015. NS notes that, following the Village's completion of the roadway work, it will perform the signal installation, with completion anticipated in or about June 2015, followed by final touch-up work at the site.
- (4) On February 5, 2015, Staff filed a memorandum recommending that the extension request be granted.

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(5) Upon review, the Commission finds that NS's request for a five-month extension, until July 13, 2015, should be granted. Accordingly, NS is granted an extension of time until July 13, 2015, to complete the project. NS should follow all standard railroad crossing safety protocol to ensure the protection of the traveling public at this crossing. NS should expedite the work at this crossing 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.

It is, therefore,

ORDERED, That NS's request for an extension of time to complete the project is granted in accordance with finding 5. It is, further,

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

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

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

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