## BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

In the Matter of the Authorization of

Norfolk Southern Railway to Install

**Active Grade Crossing Warning** Devices in Ashtabula and Stark

Counties.

Case No. 15-1151-RR-FED

**REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF** 

CONSTRUCTION DEADLINE

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Norfolk Southern Railway Company ("Norfolk Southern") respectfully requests an extension of time of thirty (30) days – through May 22, 2016 – within which to complete the two (2) involved construction projects, at the Netcher Road/Township Road 292 grade crossing (DOT #503-115K) in Denmark Township, Ashtabula County, and at the Parks Avenue/Township Road 96 grade crossing (DOT #502-740S) in Washington Township, Stark County.

A memorandum in support is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

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MEMORANDUM IN SUPPORT

By Entry of July 22, 2015, the Commission authorized Norfolk Southern to install active warning devices at the above-referenced crossings, with an assigned project completion deadline of April 22, 2016.

Substantial progress has been made at both involved crossings. The Netcher Road project was particularly difficult, as it involved a dirt/gravel road without clearly defined roadway limits. Norfolk Southern worked with the involved power company and other interested parties toward resolving various related, and clearance, concerns, and has installed lights and gates at the crossing; Norfolk Southern now awaits the power company's relocation of a utility pole, currently scheduled for April 25, 2016, following which Norfolk Southern will verify train moves and then place the signals into service.

At the Parks Avenue crossing, Norfolk Southern has installed lights and gates, and worked with the power company so as to run a pole line to the crossing. Norfolk Southern is now preparing to place the signals into service, with cut-in expected to occur on or about the date

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of the currently-assigned deadline (erring on the side of caution, Norfolk Southern would appreciate a reasonable buffer here, to accomplish same).

In light of the above, Norfolk Southern respectfully requests that the deadline for

completing these projects be extended thirty (30) days, through May 22, 2016.

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