BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

In the Matter of the Petition of Norfolk Southern Railway Company to Close the Esterly Drive – TR 174 Grade Crossing (DOT No. 502-903Y) in Fairfield Township, Columbiana

County, Ohio.

Case No. 15-0508-RR-UNC

STATUS REPORT

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This will serve to bring the Commission up-to-speed in this matter, with a suggested course.

To Norfolk Southern Railway Company's understanding, informal annexation discussions are ongoing between the interested parties (the township/city, etc.), but there is no active petition currently, and apparently nothing imminent in this regard.

So assuming the Commission's approval, Norfolk Southern Railway Company

would respectfully suggest that the assigned Hearing Officer schedule a conference call, perhaps

sometime in mid to late November, at which an appropriate schedule can be established moving

forward -e.g., perhaps, with an evidentiary hearing scheduled eight (8) months or so down the road.

Respectfully submitted,

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