

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

IN THE MATTER OF THE AUTHORIZATION
OF NORFOLK SOUTHERN RAILWAY TO
INSTALL ACTIVE WARNING DEVICES AT A
GRADE CROSSING IN FULTON COUNTY.

CASE NO. 16-1413-RR-FED

ENTRY

Entered in the Journal on April 5, 2016

{¶ 1} On June 16, 2016, the Commission issued a Finding and Order approving the installation by Norfolk Southern Railway (NS) of mast-mounted flashing lights, side lights, roadway gates, and one set of cantilevered lights at the West Barre Street grade crossing (DOT#509522J) in the village of Archbold, Fulton County. The Commission ordered completion of the project by April 6, 2017.

{¶ 2} On March 23, 2017, NS filed a request to extend the project deadline. NS explains that utility concerns have arisen since the initial diagnostic survey that could prevent placement of the cantilever assembly. NS requests an additional 30 days, ending May 6, 2017, during which NS will determine with other interested parties how best to move forward.

{¶ 3} On March 31, 2017, Staff filed a memorandum concerning NS's request. Staff states that there have been significant delays with the engineering of the project because of multiple utility conflicts. After construction began, Staff adds, more utility conflicts were discovered onsite; resolution of the conflicts is still ongoing. Staff notes that it has participated in numerous conference calls and onsite meetings, and that construction of the warning devices in the northeast quadrant remains an issue. Staff supports NS's request for a 30-day extension because of these project delays.

{¶ 4} Pursuant to the Commission's September 19, 1996 Entry in *In re 1996 Federal Crossing Protection Program*, Case No. 96-676-RR-FED, the Commission authorized the attorney examiner assigned to the case to grant extensions for up to 30 days.

{¶ 5} Upon review of NS's request and Staff's recommendation, the attorney examiner finds that a 30-day extension of time should be granted to allow NS time to complete the project. Unless otherwise authorized, NS should complete the project by May 6, 2017.

{¶ 6} It is, therefore,

{¶ 7} ORDERED, That NS be granted a 30-day extension of time to finish the project. It is, further,

{¶ 8} ORDERED, That, unless otherwise authorized, NS complete the project by May 6, 2017. It is, further,

{¶ 9} ORDERED, That when Staff or ORDC makes its final inspection and finds that the project is completed, Staff file a memorandum in this docket indicating that the project is completed. It is, further,

{¶ 10} ORDERED, That a copy of this Entry be served upon NS, Ohio Rail Development Commission, The Toledo Edison Company, Archbold Village Administrator, and any other interested person of record.

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s/James Lynn

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Summary: Attorney Examiner Entry grants NS a 30-day extension of time to finish project by 05/06/2017 and directs Staff to file a memorandum indicating the project has been completed once Staff or ORDC makes its final inspection. - electronically filed by Sandra Coffey on behalf of James Lynn, Attorney Examiner, Public Utilities Commission of Ohio