BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

In the Matter of the Authorization of

Norfolk Southern Railway to Install

New Active Warning Devices at Four

Grade Crossings in the City of Dayton,

Montgomery County.

Case No. 17-1508-RR-FED

REQUEST TO EXTEND

CONSTRUCTION DEADLINE

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Norfolk Southern Railway Company ("NSRC") respectfully requests an additional extension of time of six (6) months – through July 11, 2019 – within which to complete the involved construction projects at Miami Chapel Road (DOT #524629Y), Stewart Street (DOT #524628S), and Findlay Street (DOT #527819M).

A memorandum in support is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

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MEMORANDUM IN SUPPORT

By and through counsel, NSRC accessed the instant docket and became aware that

PUCO Staff had filed a related Staff Memo on December 2, 2018 and that earlier today, the

Commission (by and through the assigned hearing officer) had granted NSRC an extension of time

through January 11, 2019 within which to complete the three (3) remaining construction projects –

specifically, at Miami Chapel Road, Stewart Street, and Findlay Street. (Recall that the fourth project –

Irwin Street – had been placed into service as of November 5, 2018.)

Unfortunately, a number of concerns (primarily utility conflicts, etc.) remain

outstanding at these three crossings, which will not enable NSRC to complete the projects within the

newly-assigned deadline. NSRC continues to work diligently to address/resolve these concerns, and

has been attempting to keep PUCO Staff apprised with respect to same.

In addition, the federal PTC mandate – unprecedented in scope, as to both capital

investment and requisite manpower - continues to impact NSRC (and presumably, other affected

carriers), with respect to the mobilization and dedication of related resources.

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For the foregoing reasons, NSRC respectfully requests that the project completion deadline for the three (3) remaining Dayton crossings be extended through July 11, 2019.

In the interim, meaning pending completion of the three remaining projects, the Commission is reminded that each of these crossings is currently protected by active warning devices – specifically, both lights and gates.

Respectfully submitted, EASTMAN & SMITH LTD.

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