

# Memo

To: Docketing Division  
From: Jill Henry, Rail Specialist, Rail Division  
Cc: PUCO Legal Department  
Date: 1/30/2019

Re: PUCO Case No. 17-2372-RR-FED- In the Matter of an Extension Request for the Installation of New Active Warning Devices at the Norfolk Southern Railway Crossing, Market Street/SR 226 DOT#503-082A, in Holmes County, Ohio.

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On April 19 2017, the Ohio Rail Development Commission (ORDC) authorized funding for Norfolk Southern Railway to install lights and gates at the Market Street/SR 226 DOT#503-082A, in Holmes County, Ohio. The crossing was surveyed, on March 16, 2017, and found to warrant the upgrade.

On December 13, 2017, the Commission approved the project and ordered completion by September 13, 2018. On January 12, 2018, NS filed a notice in the docket that stated power was available at the crossing.

On August 29, 2018, NS filed a request for an extension until December 12, 2018. In the request, NS states that they are working to complete PTC (Positive Train Control) projects and their resources are being used to meet the federal mandate of December 31, 2018 for PTC.

On December 3, 2018, NS filed a request for an extension until January 31, 2019. In the request, NS states that power is not yet available at the crossing. NS determined that the existing power service could not be modified, so a new power service was needed. The power company (AEP-Ohio) closed their work request without completing the work and the new power service has not been installed. NS has had to initiate a new request. The Commission granted the extension on January 9, 2019.

On January 16, 2019, NS filed a 30 day extension request. In the request, NS states that power is still not available and that it won't be available until late January. Staff reached out to AEP to determine the timeframe for power service installation. AEP informed staff that they received payment from NS for the new power service on January 15, 2019. AEP conducted a field study of the requested service, on January 17, 2019, and determined that material needed to be ordered to complete the installation. NS informed staff, on January 29, 2019, that NS was on site working and hopes to be able to put the crossing in service shortly after January 31, 2019.

ORDC has informed Staff that they are not opposed to the extension request.

Staff is satisfied that this project is nearing completion and at this time recommends that the Commission grant the 30 day extension request.

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