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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

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In the Matter of the Authorization of Norfolk Southern Railway to Upgrade Active Warning Devices at Two Grade Crossings in the City of Columbus, in Franklin County.

: Case No. 18-1314-RR-FED

: **REQUEST TO EXTEND**

: **CONSTRUCTION DEADLINE**

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Norfolk Southern Railway Company (“NSRC”) respectfully requests a first extension of time of approximately four (4) months – through January 30, 2020 – within which to complete its portion of the involved construction projects at the Lockbourne Road and Fairwood Avenue grade crossings in Columbus, Franklin County.

A memorandum in support is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

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**MEMORANDUM IN SUPPORT**

By Finding and Order of September 26, 2018, NSRC was directed to “install upgrade circuitry and add advanced traffic preemption” to the active warning devices at the above-referenced crossings. In furtherance of these projects, NSRC will need to install new (relocated) cantilever/gates, so as to ensure MUTCD compliance. This need triggered a number of utility conflicts which have been resolved.

But NSRC still needs to: (1) install the new (relocated) cantilevers/gates; (2) install upgraded circuitry; and (3) add advanced traffic preemption toward interconnect with the City. With respect to (3), NSRC understands that the City has recently placed its portion of the project out for bid, with construction anticipated to commence in or about the Spring of 2020.

For the foregoing reasons, NSRC respectfully requests that the Commission grant it an extension of time through January 30, 2020 within which to complete its portion of these

projects. (NSRC welcomes input/directive from the Commission with respect to when it would issue its related in-service notifications – specifically, when it completes its portion of the projects or, rather, when the City effectuates actual interconnect, presumably in or about the Spring of 2020.)

In the meantime, NSRC confirms that the involved crossings are protected by active warning devices.

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