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To: Docketing Divis	sion
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From: Jill Henry, Rail Specialist, Rail Division

Cc: PUCO Legal Department

**Date:** 1/14/2020

**Re:** PUCO Case No. 19-365-RR-FED- In the Matter of a Request for Upgrades to the Active Warning Devices at the Norfolk Southern Railway Crossing, Grace Street DOT#524-340K, in Cuyahoga County, Ohio.

On December 11, 2017, the Ohio Rail Development Commission (ORDC) authorized funding for Norfolk Southern Railway (NS), Wheeling & Lake Erie Railway (WE) and Cleveland Commercial Railroad (CCRL) to install upgrades at Grace Street DOT#524-340K, in Cuyahoga County, Ohio. This crossing has three main tracks. NS maintains two tracks at the crossing. WE operates and maintains the third track and CCRL operates on the third track. The existing warning devices are interconnected and NS, WE, and CCRL will need to coordinate on this project. The crossing was surveyed, on May 9, 2017, and found to warrant the upgrades.

On March 6, 2019, the Commission approved the project and ordered completion by December 6, 2019.

On November 27, 2019, NS filed for an extension until January 6, 2020. In the request, NS states crews are finishing up a project in Columbus, Ohio and will then be directed to complete construction at Grace Street. On December 16, 2019, the Commission granted a 30-day extension until January 6, 2020.

On December 27, 2019, NS filed for an extension until February 4, 2020. In the request, NS states that due to holiday related work stoppage an extension of time is needed.

Staff believes that NS has failed to show that good cause exists to grant additional time for completion of the project. Staff does not recommend a project extension.

### BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

In the Matter of the Authorization of Norfolk Southern Railway and	:	Case No. 19-365-RR-FED
Wheeling & Lake Erie Railway to Install Upgrades at a Grade Crossing	•	<u>REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF</u> CONSTRUCTION DEADLINE
in the City of Bedford, in Cuyahoga	•	
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Norfolk Southern Railway Company ("NSRC") respectfully requests an additional extension of time of thirty (30) days – through February 4, 2020 – within which to complete the construction project at the Grace Street grade crossing (DOT # 524340K)) in Bedford, Cuyahoga County.

#### **PROOF OF SERVICE**

A copy of the foregoing **Request for Extension of Construction Deadline** was filed electronically with the Commission this 27<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2019. Notice of this filing will be sent by operation of the Court's electronic filing system to all parties indicated on the electronic filing receipt. Parties may access this filing through the Court's system.

> <u>/s/ D. Casey Talbott</u> Attorney for Norfolk Southern Railway Company

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