Memo

To:

Docketing Division

From

George Martin, Grade Crossing Planner, Rail Division

Re:

PUCO Case No. 08-276-RR-FED Norfolk Southern Railway, Hancock County, CR 216, DOT#

472-461L

Date:

December 8, 2008

By its Entry dated March 26, 2008 the Commission ordered Norfolk Southern Railway (NS) to install an active grade crossing warning device at CR 216 by March 26, 2009.

On July 10, 2008 staff was notified via phone with Rick Ray, NS Highway-Grade Crossing Administrator, that the track through the roadway at the crossing would be permanently removed. On November 4, 2008 an email dated August 28, 2009 was docketed that verified the track removal was completed.

In response to a staff request for the reason(s) behind the removal of the track, NS submitted an email dated December 8, 2008 (attached) that stated that after NS received the Commission order it initiated a review of the track since it ended abruptly on one side of the roadway. The review determined that the track served no operational need, and was removed. Therefore, staff requests an Entry relieving NS of any responsibility of installing an active grade crossing warning device at CR 216, DOT# 472-461L.

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C: Legal Department

Please serve the following parties of record

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Martin, George

From:

Ray, Rick H [rick.ray@nscorp.com]

Sent:

Monday, December 08, 2008 9:20 AM

To:

Martin, George

Cc:

Bankieris, Gus B

Subject: 10,0073 Closure Statement - #472461L Order #08-276-RR-FED

File #: CX0120718

Ordered Installation Date: 03/26/09

Project #: 10.0073

Road:

CR-216

City:

MCCOMB

State:

OH

DOT:

472461L

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George,

When NS received the PUCO request for modification of warning devices at the above location I requested a review of the track be initiated to determine if the track was needed since it ended just on the other side to the road crossing.

After a review of the track was made, it was determined that it serviced no operational need and could be eliminated. Therefore, it was removed through the crossing a couple of months ago.

Please let me know if you need additional information.

Thanks,

Rick