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To: Docketing Division

From: George Martin, Grade Crossing Planner, Rail Division *GM*

Re: In the matter of the authorization of the Norfolk Southern Railway to upgrade the circuitry at two crossings in Fulton and Erie Counties, Ohio

Date: January 13, 2010

The Ohio Rail Development Commission (ORDC) has secured a Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) grant in the amount of \$497,050 for warning device circuitry upgrades on the Norfolk Southern Railway (NS) CD Line at the following locations:

Fulton County, near Pettisville, Archbold Rd/CR D, DOT# 509-519B

Erie County, City of Huron, Rye Beach Rd/CR 122, DOT# 524-059N

ORDC and NS collaborated on these project selections and no formal diagnostic review was performed. NS submitted plans and estimates in 2007; these will be resubmitted as the originals are outdated.

Staff requests an Entry with the plans and estimates to be submitted within 90 days and completion within one year. Upon approval of the plans and estimates by ORDC construction may commence. A suggested case coding and heading would be:

PUCO Case No. 10- *0043* -RR-FED In the matter of the authorization of the Norfolk Southern Railway to upgrade circuitry at two crossings in Fulton and Erie counties, Ohio

C: Legal Department

Please serve the following parties of record

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OHIO RAIL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION INTER-OFFICE COMMUNICATION

TO: George Martin, Planner, Railroad Division, PUCO

FROM: Susan Kirkland, Supervisor, Safety Section, ORDC

SUBJECT: Grade Crossing Warning Device Projects:
Fulton County, CR D / Archbold Road, 509 519B
Erie County, CR 122 / Rye Beach Road, 524 059N

DATE: January 7, 2010

The subject grade crossings on the Norfolk Southern (NS) CD Line have been targeted for warning device improvements in the form of circuitry upgrades. Ohio Rail Development Commission (ORDC) has secured a Federal Railroad Administration grant # DTFR53-04-H-0020 in the amount of \$497,050.

Because the ORDC and NS collaborated on these project site selections and the grant funds were secured for these locations alone, the ORDC did not conduct formal diagnostic review at locations. Plans and estimates were prepared in 2007; however, because the estimates are significantly outdated, we plan to have NS revise the figures.

Please issue a standard one year Order for the circuitry upgrade of the following crossings:

Fulton County, CR D, 509 519B FULTON COUNTY NEAR PERRISVILLE
Erie County, CR 122 / Rye Beach Road, 524 059N CITY OF HURON

In addition, this construction authorization is made with the stipulation and understanding that any field work needs prior approval before the work begins. This authorization is made with the stipulation and understanding that an approved estimate may contain entries for items or activities that may be cited and found to be ineligible for federal participation during the project audit.

Thank you for your assistance with these matters.

c: Richard Perse (ODOT #2), Richard Ray (NS), T. Darfus & J. Reinhardt (project files)

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