

BEFORE

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

In the Matter of the Request of Norfolk )  
Southern Railway Company to Modify ) Case No. 10-46-RR-RCP  
Warning Devices at the Park Road Crossing )  
(481478N) in Columbus, Franklin County, )  
Ohio. )

ENTRY

The Commission finds:

- (1) On January 13, 2010, Norfolk Southern Railway Company (Norfolk) filed a request for authority to replace a "No Right Turn" signal at the Park Road grade crossing (481478N) in Columbus, Franklin County, Ohio with a standard flashing light signal to be mounted on the crossing signal mast. According to Norfolk, the current "No Right Turn" signal is considered obsolete in many states, and has been damaged. Therefore, Norfolk requests to replace the damaged "No Right Turn" signal with a standard flashing light signal, consistent with the standards articulated in the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD).
- (2) On January 25, 2010, Staff filed its inspection report of the crossing. In its report, Staff observes that the crossing is located at Park Road, in Franklin County, which is a two-lane roadway traveling east to west. The crossing is currently equipped with a standard mast-mounted flashing lights and roadway gates. Within 12 feet of the crossing, Park Road is intersected by Station Street, which runs north to south. A stand-alone flashing unit with a train activated "No Right Turn" signal is posted to face oncoming traffic on Station Street. It is this "No Right Turn" signal that Norfolk seeks to replace. Staff concludes that this type of warning device is outdated and no longer included in the MUTCD. Therefore, Staff recommends that Norfolk be allowed to remove the "No Right Turn" light assembly and mast-mounted flashing light, and replace it with a standard mast-mounted flashing light.
- (3) On January 29, 2010, the Franklin County Engineer filed correspondence in this proceeding, indicating that he does not oppose Norfolk's proposal.

- (4) The Commission finds Norfolk's request is reasonable and should be granted. Accordingly, Norfolk should proceed with this project to modify the crossing and replace the "No Right Turn Sign" with a standard flashing light signal, consistent with the standards articulated in the MUTCD. Norfolk should notify the Commission five days prior to commencing work at the crossing, notifying Staff of any construction interruptions or delays, and notify Staff at the completion of the crossing work. Upon completion of the project, Norfolk should file a notice in this docket indicating that the project is completed.

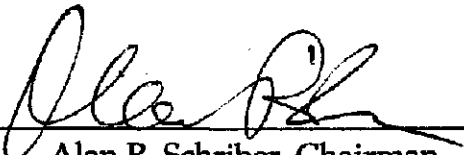
It is, therefore,

ORDERED, That Norfolk's request to modify the warning device be approved. It is, further,

ORDERED, That Norfolk provide notice in accordance with this entry. It is, further,

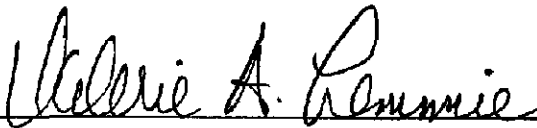
ORDERED, That a copy of this opinion and order be served upon all parties of record.

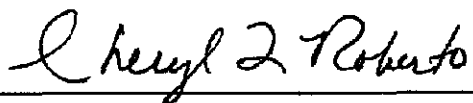
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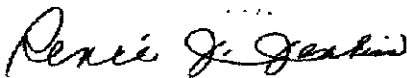
  
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