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The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio **Docketing Division** 180 East Broad Street Columbus, OH 43215-3793

Re:

In the Matter of the Application for Request of Norfolk Southern Railway Company to Downgrade the Existing Warning Devices at the Sylvania Avenue Grade Crossing (508-865M) in Sylvania

Township, Lucas County, Ohio PUCO Case No.: 10-574-RR-RCP Our File No.: N1432/176814

To Docketing Clerk:

Attached for filing is an Amended Request to Temporarily Downgrade Warning Devices.

I confirm that, via regular mail, we are forwarding to you the original document plus seven (7) copies.

Please call me – at (419) 241-6000 – if you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

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Case No. 10-574-RR-RCP

AMENDED REQUEST TO
TEMPORARILY DOWNGRADE
WARNING DEVICES

WARNING DEVICES

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Norfolk Southern Railway Company ("Norfolk Southern") respectfully amends its prior Request (as filed on April 27, 2010), to clarify that it seeks only a **temporary** downgrade of the warning devices at the Sylvania Avenue grade crossing (508-865M) in Sylvania Township, Lucas County, Ohio.

A memorandum in support is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

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MEMORANDUM IN SUPPORT

Norfolk Southern respectfully clarifies that it seeks only a temporary downgrade of the existing warning devices at the Sylvania Avenue grade crossing (508-865M), for the limited period of the referenced construction project. Per recent communications with the Lucas County construction engineer, Norfolk Southern understands that the project has commenced, and is scheduled to be completed by or about July 27, 2010.

Assuming the request for temporary downgrade is approved, Norfolk Southern would continue to adhere to its existing "Stop & Flag" Order for train movements at the crossing; further, lights and cantilevers would be reinstalled upon the project's completion.

For the foregoing reasons, Norfolk Southern respectfully requests that the Commission issue an Order temporarily downgrading – to passive – the warning devices at this crossing, for the limited period of the construction project.

Respectfully submitted,

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PROOF OF SERVICE

A copy of the foregoing Amended Request to Temporarily Downgrade Warning Devices was mailed this 29 day of April, 2010, to: Leah Thomas-Dalton, Chief, PUCO Rail Division, Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, 180 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215; George Martin, Grade Crossing Planner, PUCO Rail Division, Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, 180 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215; Jill Henry, Rail Specialist, PUCO Rail Division, Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, 180 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215; Susan J. Kirkland, Manager, Safety Programs, c/o Ohio Rail Development Commission, 1980 West Broad Street, 2nd Floor, Columbus, Ohio 43223; Keith G. Earley, Lucas County Engineer, Lucas County Engineer's Office, One Government Center, Suite 870, Toledo, Ohio 43604; and Joel S. Palermo, P.E., Construction Engineer, Lucas County Engineer's Office, One Government Center, Suite 870, Toledo, Ohio 43604.

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